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Louis

★Red deer ♂
★High school third-year
★Former leader of the Drama Club actors pool, now also the former leader of the Shishi-gumi

Haru

Juno

★Gray wolf ♀
★High school first-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool

★Netherland dwarf rabbit ♀
★High school third-year
★Member of the Gardening Club

Gohin

★Giant panda ♂
★Psychologist who runs a clinic at the black market

Riz

★Brown bear ♂
★High school second-year
★Member of the Drama Club sound crew

Pina

★Dall bighorn sheep ♂
★High school first-year
★Member of the Drama Club actors pool

STORY & CAST OF CHARACTERS

Cherryton Academy is an integrated boarding school for a diverse group of carnivores and herbivores. Recently Tem, an alpaca member of the Drama Club, was slain and devoured on campus. Since then tensions between predators and prey have been running high...

On New Year's Eve, Legoshi battles Riz, the brown bear who murdered Tem. Riz has come into his full strength, having prepared for their showdown by ceasing to take the legally mandated medications that atrophy his muscles. Legoshi is losing the fight, even though he is motivated by a desire for justice and is willing to put his life on the line to defend his herbivore friends. Meanwhile, as Louis abdicates his leadership of the Shishi-gumi lion gang, his most faithful gang member Ibuki gets killed. Then Louis offers his right leg to Legoshi to give him the strength to overcome Riz.

Carnivores and herbivores. Those who devour and those who are devoured. Opposites attract. Riz admits defeat when he witnesses the true bond of friendship between Legoshi and Louis. The fight is over. But then the police appear and haul Riz and Legoshi away!

Legoshi

- ★Gray wolf ♂
- ★High school second-year
- ★Member of the Drama Club production crew
- ★Physically powerful yet emotionally sensitive
- ★Struggles with his identity as a carnivore

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GULP

MUNCH

MUNCH CHOMP CHOMP

I DON'T MEAN TO BE OFFENSIVE. JUST STATING THE FACTS.

THE WAY YOUNG CARNIVORES EAT IS DISTURBING.

Captain Papico (Mustelidae ermine, age 41)

NO PROBLEM. FIGURED YOU'D BE HUNGRY.

UM... EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL. IT WAS REALLY GOOD.

GETTING SOFTENED UP TO CONFESS BY A MEAL IN THE INTERRO-GATION ROOM IS A SCENE RIGHT OUT OF A TV CRIME DRAMA. AND VEGGIE PORK CUTLETS ARE GOOD EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE MADE OF SOY.

Chapter 98: Meeting Myself Eye to Eye 20 Years in the Future

THE MEAT OF YOUR FRIEND'S LEG SHOULD BE COMPLETELY EXPELLED FROM YOUR BODY NOW.

ANYONE WHO'S EATEN MEAT GETS THAT TREATMENT.

I WAS REALLY HUNGRY.

THEY MADE ME DRINK THREE QUARTS OF AN EMETIC. MY STOMACH WAS COMPLETELY EMPTY.

...THANKS TO YOUR FRIENDS' TESTIMONIES.

THIS INCIDENT WILL ONLY BE TREATED AS A MINOR OFFENSE...

YOUR TWO-DAY RETREAT IN POLICE CUSTODY ENDS TODAY!

A MINOR OFFENSE DOESN'T MAKE YOU AN EX-CON...

...BUT YOU'LL HAVE A RECORD AS A *REGISTERED MEAT OFFENDER.*

I WONDER IF LOUIS WOULD PREFER THAT I DON'T VISIT HIM IN THE HOSPITAL...

EATING THE MEAT OF A LIVING BEAST IS A SERIOUS CRIME.

Haven't heard of that?

A REGISTERED MEAT OFFENDER.

WHAT?

(Wearing a cast on his ribs)

HOW WILL BEING A REGISTERED MEAT OFFENDER AFFECT ME?

UM...

...a criminal record...

SO NOW I HAVE...

THIS SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR HERBIVORE CITIZENS.

AH, I GET IT...

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND COLLEGES ATTENDED BY HERBIVORES AND CARNIVORES. YOUR APPLICATION WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED. THEY WON'T EVEN LET YOU TAKE THEIR ENTRANCE EXAMS.

I SEE.

IT'LL BE HARD TO GET A JOB... I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WORK AS A LABORER BEFORE I GET TOO OLD.

YOU'LL HAVE TROUBLE FINDING WORK BECAUSE MORE AND MORE COMPANIES HAVE HERBIVORES ON THEIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ONE MORE THING... YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MARRY AN HERBIVORE. HA HA HA...

I CAN'T BREATHE... I HAVE TO TELL HIM...

HUFF HUFF

C... CAPTAIN. I...

I'M IN LOVE WITH AN HERBI-VORE. IS THERE NO WAY I CAN MARRY HER?

OH, I SEE...

W-WHAT THE HECK?! WHAT'S WRONG?!

WAS YOUR FOOD POI-SONED?

WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'LL LOOK BACK FONDLY ON YOUR BITTERSWEET INTERSPECIES RELATION-SHIPS.

WELL, WELL... A HOPELESS TEENAGE ROMANTIC, EH?

...

THE RECIDIVISM RATE OF MINORS WHO HAVE EATEN LIVING MEAT IS EXTREMELY HIGH...

I UNDER-STAND WHY I WOULD HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD, BUT...

I PROMISE I'LL BE CARE-FUL.

MAKE SURE TO AVOID TRIGGERS SO YOU DON'T GET WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS!

THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

POLICE

Station

...AND A BAN ON INTERSPECIES MARRIAGE IS ALL NEW TO ME.

...THIS STUFF ABOUT BEING A REGISTERED MEAT OFFENDER...

BOOK STORE

BOOK DVD CD STAT

I'M SO IGNORANT...

INTERSPECIES MARRIAGE

SAME-SPECIES MARRIAGE

IT'S RARE FOR INTERSPECIES COUPLES TO MARRY. THERE ARE HARDLY ANY BOOKS ON THE SUBJECT.

← Doing research

OH YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT... IT WAS ALL OVER THE NEWS WHEN I WAS SEVEN.

Hm... Hm...

"INTERSPECIES MARRIAGE BECAME LEGAL TEN YEARS AGO."

Is Can Interspecies Marriages Work?

☆ Interspecies couples are not permitted to marry if any of the following apply to them:

- A land animal and a marine animal
- A beast with poison in their body and a beast without (because poison is involuntarily released during sexual intercourse)
- A registered meat offender and an herbivore

*Body-size disparities are acceptable.
An African elephant and a mouse were legally married in the year XXXX.

EEK

I wish I'd known that before.

OH! SO DIFFER-ENCES IN BODY SIZE DON'T MATTER.

"...YOUR BITTER-SWEET INTER-SPECIES RELATION-SHIPS."

"WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'LL LOOK BACK FONDLY ON..."

Coffee

I HAVE SCARS ON MY FACE. A CRIMINAL RECORD. I'M IN LOVE WITH A FEMALE RABBIT WHO DOESN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY.

NOTHING IS GOING RIGHT FOR ME...

...

WILL THE DAY EVER COME WHEN I FEEL NOSTAL-GIA FOR THIS TIME OF MY LIFE...?!

"BITTER-SWEET"... "LOOK BACK FONDLY"...

THEY'RE HAPPY TO DATE SOME-ONE FROM THEIR OWN SPECIES.

BEASTS WITH NORMAL UPBRING-INGS ARE PROPERLY SOCIAL-IZED.

Mori CAFE

SHOE

WHEN I LOOK AROUND ME AT THE WORLD OUT-SIDE OF SCHOOL ...

...I DON'T SEE ANY INTER-SPECIES COUPLES.

...MAYBE I'LL MARRY A FEMALE GRAY WOLF... AND RAISE A FAMILY...

...AND MANAGE TO ENTER A CARNIVORES-ONLY UNIVERSITY... THEN GET A DECENT JOB...

IF I TURN MY LIFE AROUND...

Akita Newspaper

Legoshi (age 45)
Works in sales

...ISN'T FOR ME!

NO. THAT LIFE...

BUT THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF THINGS I HAVE TO DO.

PHEW!

NO, NO... I WON'T CHANGE...

OH, SORRY.

whump

EEP!

ARE YOU OKAY?

DID YOU SEE HIS FACE? IT WAS COVERED WITH SCARS...

HE LOOKED SCARY!

I MIGHT BE AN OUTCAST, BUT I STILL WANT TO BE HAPPY AND WAG MY TAIL.

I'LL FIND MY PATH.

THESE AREN'T LIGHT SHACKLES I CAN LOOK BACK ON FONDLY AFTER I'VE GROWN UP!

Legoshi

Born September 9/Blood type O
Canidae gray wolf

Registered meat offender

I'VE PUT THESE SHACKLES ON MYSELF!

I MET HARU. I MET LOUIS.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH MY LIFE FOR A LONG TIME NOW. IT'S TIME I MADE UP MY MIND.

I'M A CRIMINAL WHO CAN'T APPLY TO MOST COLLEGES OR JOBS!

...FROM THE WORLD OUTSIDE SCHOOL.

I HAVE TO MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR MYSELF. IF I DON'T, I MIGHT LOOK BACK ON THIS TIME WHEN I'M GROWN AND BE FILLED WITH REGRET.

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I CAN LEARN ...

I'LL QUIT SCHOOL!

THAT WAS A GREAT SUMMER.

OH... THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE I CONFESSED MY FEEL-INGS TO HARU.

HARU! SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN IN TWO DAYS. ARE YOU PREPARED?

YEAH, I'M GOOD. WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF HOMEWORK OVER WINTER BREAK.

PHEW!

Mom

HARU WILL DO FINE! SHE'LL HAVE A GREAT TIME IN COLLEGE WHEREVER SHE ENDS UP!

SHUT UP.

Dad

Big bro

Big sis

YOU NEED TO START STUDYING FOR YOUR COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS. HAVE YOU BEEN HITTING THE BOOKS?

RA BB IT RABB IT RABBI

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE A BOY-FRIEND.

IF YOU GO TO A FEMALES-ONLY COLLEGE, I'LL BE SO HAPPY I'LL POUND RICE CAKES ON A FULL MOON!

UM... I'M NOT SURE.

OF C-COURSE... I'D PREFER YOU ATTEND A SCHOOL THAT SEPARATES HERBIVORES AND CARNIVORES INTO DIFFERENT CLASSES. SO... WHICH INSTITUTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE?

YOU WERE ON THE PHONE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, WEREN'T YOU?

NOW I REMEMBER... LEGOSHI TEXTED ME TO ASK WHERE I LIVE... IS HE GOING TO SEND ME A NEW YEAR'S CARD OR SOME-THING?

NO! I WASN'T!

WHAT?!

OH. THE INTER-COM'S BUZZING... WHO COULD THAT BE?

TUP TUP TUP

WHAT COLOR IS THIS DWARF RABBIT'S FUR?

January

WHAT...? A BOY...?

WE'RE PUREBRED WHITE RABBITS. YOUR PARTNER HAS TO HAVE PURE-WHITE FUR TOO.

NO, DAD! HE'S KID-DING!

H-HARU. IT'S YOUR FRIEND LE—

HIS FUR ISN'T WHITE. HE'S NOT A DWARF RABBIT. HE'S NOT EVEN AN HERBI-VORE—

Has a bad feeling about this

?

LEYNA THE RED PANDA! I'M GOING! ALONE!

HI.
I'M LEYNA
THE RED
PANDA.

HA HA...
SORRY I
DROPPED
BY WITH-
OUT ANY
WARNING.

...

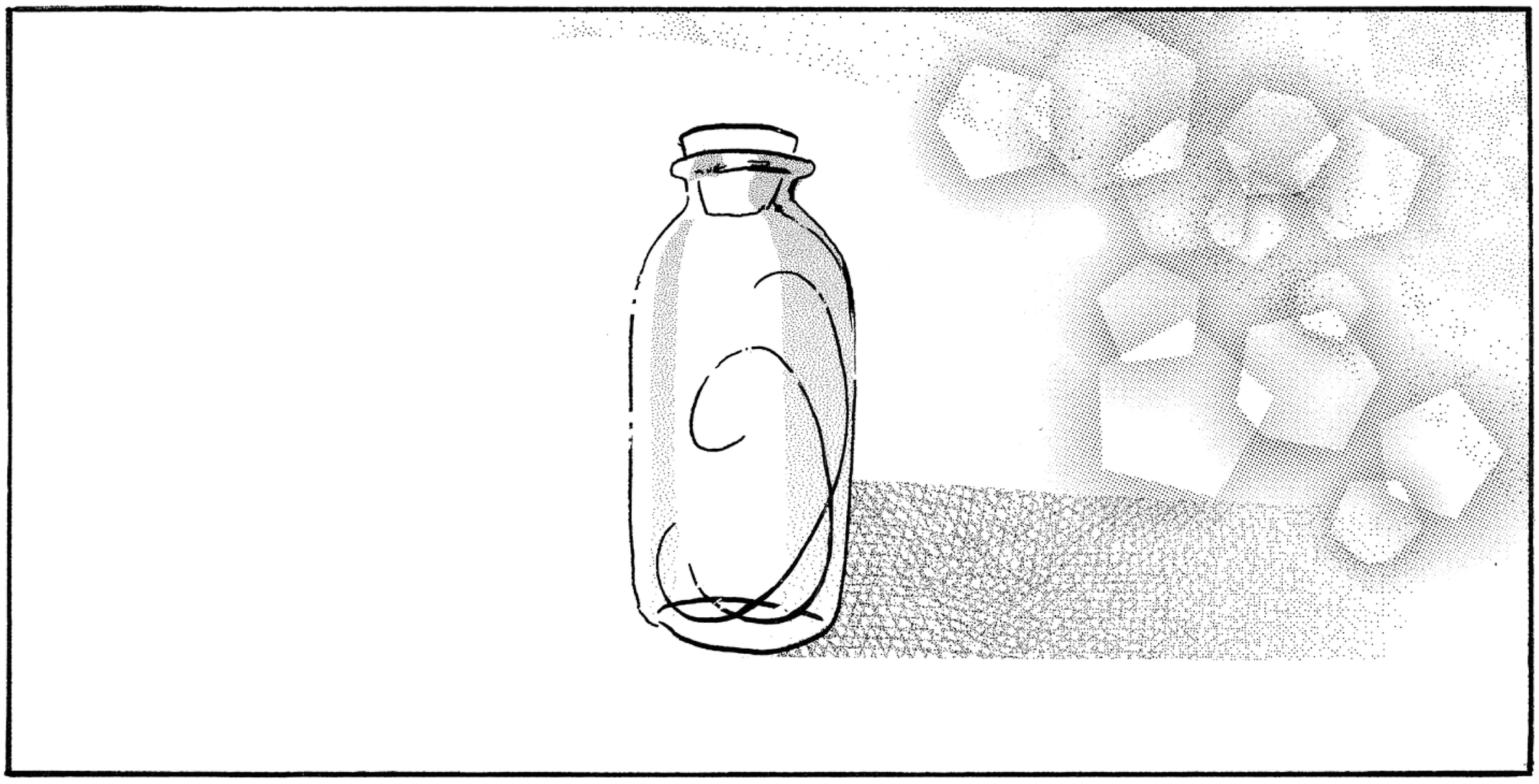
Good
eve-
ning.

HOW
COULD
I...?
YOUR
DAD
WOULD
FAINT
FROM
THE
SHOCK.

Good
evening.

I'LL
TALK TO
HIM
OUTSIDE,
MOM!
PLEASE,
PLEASE
DON'T
TELL THEM
ABOUT
THIS!

Chapter 99: The Blue-Furred Big Shot



I'VE ORDERED YOU A PROSTHETIC LEG. IT MATCHES YOUR BONE STRUCTURE AND IS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

...FATHER.

TH-THANK YOU SO MUCH...

HE'S FINALLY TALKING TO ME...

Chapter 99: The Blue-Furred Big Shot

ALL OF WHICH MEANS...

HE ORDERED THE HIGHEST-QUALITY PROSTHETIC LEG FOR ME. I'M STAYING IN A PRIVATE WARD THAT LOOKS LIKE A HOTEL ROOM. HE'S TELLING ME ONLY WHAT I NEED TO KNOW.

WHEN I WAS NINE AND DIDN'T GET FULL MARKS ON A QUIZ, I GOT A BICYCLE THE NEXT DAY THAT COST 500,000.

...OR PLEASED ?

IS HE AN-GRY ...

FATHER HAS SPENT A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON ME, AND HE'S EITHER VERY ANGRY OR VERY PLEASED WITH ME.

HE USES MONEY TO EXPRESS HIS COM-PLICATED ADULT EMOTIONS.

THAT'S HOW MY FATHER, OGMA, EXPRESSES HIMSELF.

I HAVE TO FACE MY FATHER DIRECTLY THIS TIME.

YOU CAME BACK.

ALL RIGHT.

SO LET'S DISCUSS YOUR FUTURE.

THE PRE-LIMINARY EXAM WILL BE HELD ON THE 25TH OF JANUARY. THE DOCTORS TELL ME YOU'LL BE AMBULATORY ON YOUR PROSTHETIC LEG BY THEN.

THANK YOU FOR DOING ALL THIS FOR ME...

YOU'VE SAID YOU WISH TO ATTEND GARDONA UNIVERSITY. I'VE ALREADY ENSURED THAT YOU MAY TAKE THEIR ENTRANCE EXAM.

WERE YOU DE-VOURED?

I WILL.

I DOUBT YOU'LL NEED TO STUDY FOR YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM, BUT YOU HAD BETTER PASS NO MATTER WHAT.

HE'S TALKING TO ME LIKE I'M HIS EMPLOYEE OR SOMETHING. OUR FATHER-SON RELATION-SHIP IS ALWAYS STRICTLY BUSINESS.

YOU CAME BACK, SO I WON'T GRILL YOU ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE DOING WHILE YOU WERE GONE. BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS...

SOMEONE MUST HAVE DEVOURED IT.

UM... WHAT? ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... MY RIGHT LEG?

DID IT HURTZ

I TOLD YOU THAT YOU IMPROVISE WELL, BUT...

...YOU DIDN'T NEED TO... TAKE THINGS TO SUCH EXTREMES.

I'M SORRY.

BUT... I MEAN...

I GET IT NOW. FATHER IS AN HERBIVORE. HE USED TO BE A CARNIVORE. YET... SOMEHOW...

WHAT IS IT...?

HIS NARROWED EYES THAT TURN UP AT THE CORNERS BEHIND HIS GLASSES... HIS SMALL PUPILS...

N-NOTHING.

AFTER YOU'RE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL, I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO LEAVE HOME WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. YOU'LL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BODYGUARD WHENEVER YOU GO OUT.

I WANT MY EYES TO BE LIKE THAT WHEN I GROW UP!

I UNDER-STAND... YOU'RE ANGRY WITH ME, AREN'T YOU, FATHER?

I'VE COME TO SUBMIT OUR MONTHLY REPORT ON UNUSUAL MEAT-DEVOURING INCIDENTS.

POLICE COMMIS-SIONER DARTH, HERE.

YEAH, YEAH. GOOD.

SIGH... THIS IS THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF MY JOB.

HE'S MAKING CARROT JUICE AGAIN...

VVRRR

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDLES ALL THE EXTREME AND UNUSUAL KILLING AND MEAT-DEVOURING INCIDENTS DISCREETLY.

IN RETURN, WE REPORT THEM TO YOU.

OF C-COURSE I'M IN AWE...

HA HA... YOU'RE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BUT YOU'RE IN AWE OF ME? RELAX.

I C-CAN'T BEGIN TO COMPRE-HEND HOW STRESSFUL YOUR JOB IS...

...MR. YAHYA!

BECAUSE YOU'RE THE VALIANT BEASTAR...

GULP

AHH

THIS CARROT JUICE IS DELICIOUS!

HM... HM...

SHOW ME YOUR REPORT.

ENOUGH FLATTERY.

Y-YOU REIGN OVER SOCIETY... YOU'RE THE ONE AND ONLY...

THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY INCIDENTS LAST MONTH. MAYBE BECAUSE IT WAS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?

UM... MR. YAH-YA?

HOW CAN HE SEE ANYTHING THROUGH THAT BLIND-FOLD?

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR A BLIND-FOLD?

IF MY EYES WEREN'T COVERED, I'D ALWAYS BE BOLTING FROM PLACE TO PLACE TO PROTECT OUR WORLD'S HERBIVORES.

MY FIELD OF VISION IS TOO WIDE. AS A HORSE, I CAN SEE BEHIND ME.

I CAN READ THESE DOCU-MENTS IF I HOLD THEM DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME.

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE BEASTAR.

I NEED TO CONSERVE MY STRENGTH SO I CAN SPRINT WHEN NECESSARY.

DON'T WORRY. EH...?

Report

On January 1, underneath the railway tracks, a gray wolf with a blood-covered snout, a brown bear with a broken nose, and a red deer [illegible] off and [illegible] or gray [illegible] torn [illegible] The brown-bear [illegible] and [illegible]

Canidae
Gray wolf

A 17-YEAR-OLD WOLF ATE HIS DEER FRIEND'S LEG?!

WHAT'S THIS CASE...?

UM, WELL...

THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. IT'S EVERY-DAY NEWS.

WHY DID YOU CENSOR THIS CASE?

IF THE PUBLIC FINDS OUT, IT COULD LEAD TO MORE DEVOURING INCIDENTS.

UH... WHAT'S UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS INCIDENT IS THAT... THE DEVOURING WAS CON-SENSUAL.

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT... A WOLF DEVOURED MEAT... TO HELP HIM BRING A CARNIVORE GUILTY OF KILLING AND DEVOURING AN HERBIVORE TO JUSTICE?!

SO... TWO WRONGS MAKE A RIGHT?

He's a teen-ager...

AND HE ATE HIS FRIEND'S LEG WITH HIS FRIEND'S CONSENT? WHAT THE HELL...? HOW DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE?

Report

HIS LOGIC IS FLAWED... BUT THIS CARNIVORE INTRIGUES ME.

HE'S YOUNG...

SEEMS HE'S GOT GRIT. BUT HE'S GOT AN UPHILL BATTLE AHEAD OF HIM.

I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM.

UM...

WHAD-

NOTH-ING.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

AND YOU'VE GOT EVEN MORE SCARS ON YOUR FACE THAN BEFORE.

I'M SORRY.

THE POLICE TOLD ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE WHAT HAPPENED.

WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME WHY YOU'RE QUITTING SCHOOL...?

THAT'S SO UN-FAIR!

I'M NOT YOUR MOTHER.

YOU KNOW WHAT? I'M SICK AND TIRED OF WORRYING ABOUT YOU.

WAIT!

OH...

HARU... I'M SORRY. LOOK AT ME. PLEASE.

I COM-MITTED THE SIN OF EATING MEAT!

THAT MEANS I HAVE NO RIGHT TO TOUCH HARU EVER AGAIN!

FREEZE

WHY DID YOU STOP THERE ...?

HARU... WILL YOU HANG OUT WITH ME AFTER YOU GRADUATE...?

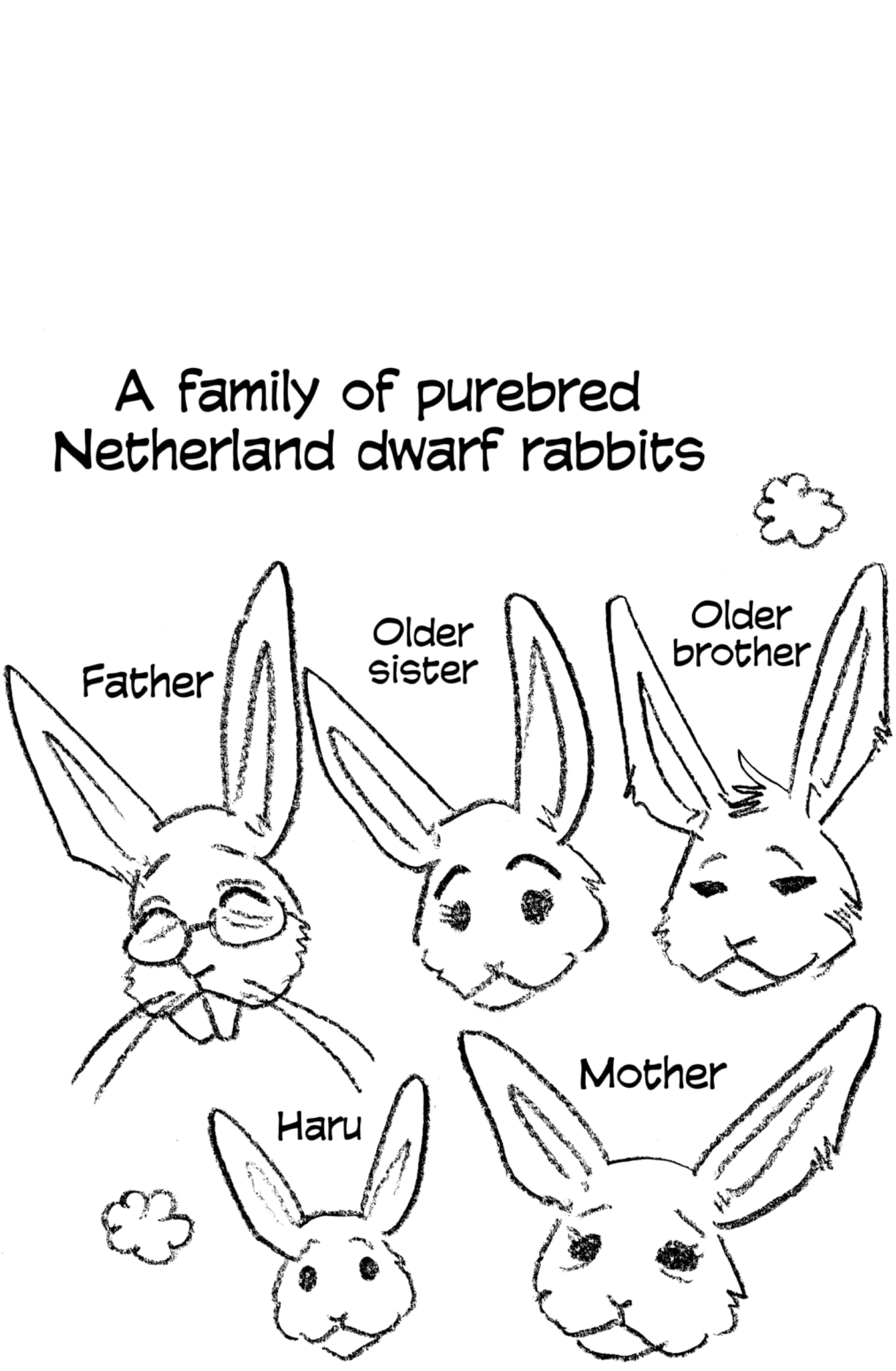
SURE. BUT I MIGHT START DATING A CLASS-MATE.

COW-ARD.

ARGH! PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT...

ARGH! I'M FALLING INTO A PIT! I'M BACK TO SQUARE ONE!

A family of purebred
Netherland dwarf rabbits



Banana Milk

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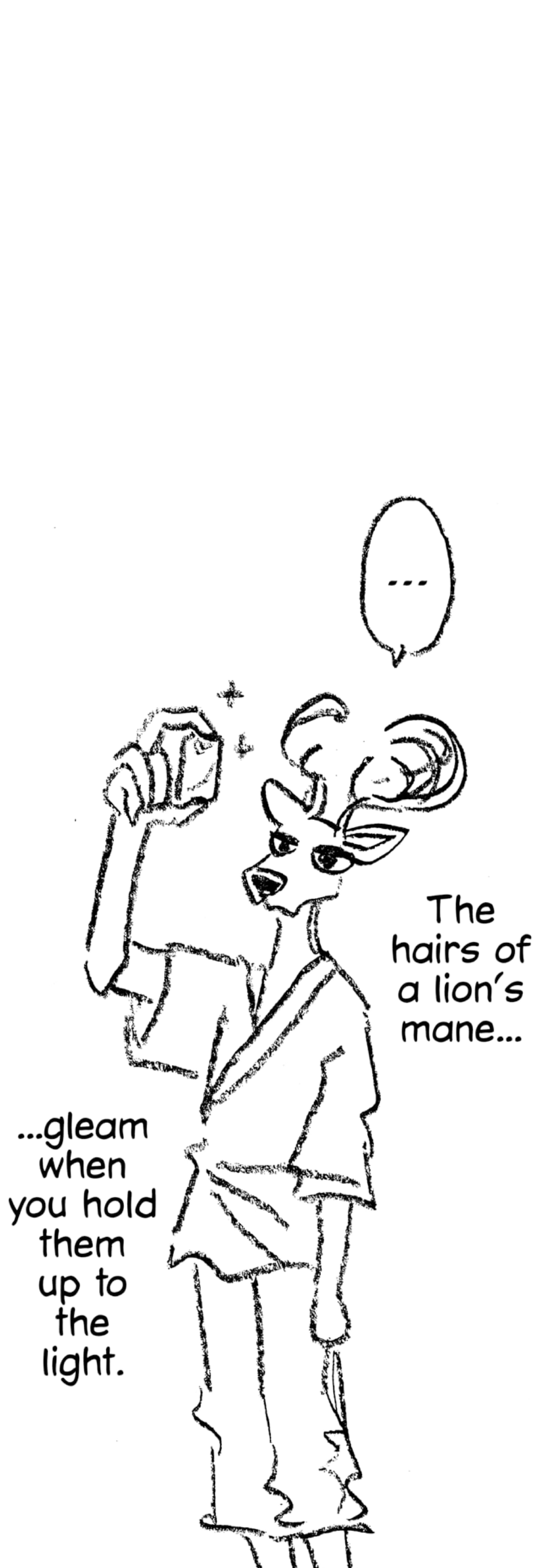
I made it to the hundredth chapter! I'm grateful to everyone who's read this manga up till here. Now a new story arc begins!

Chapter 100: When the Train Is Packed


...
The hairs of a lion's mane...
...gleam when you hold them up to the light.

GOOD MORN-ING.

GOOD MORN-ING.

I LIVE IN AN EXPEN-SIVE APART-MENT.

I'M WELL EDU-CATED.

MY JOB PAYS WELL.

MY LIFE'S PRETTY GOOD, CONSID-ERING...

...FOR A 29-YEAR-OLD FEMALE HERBI-VORE (MERINO SHEEP).

...CHEERS ME UP.

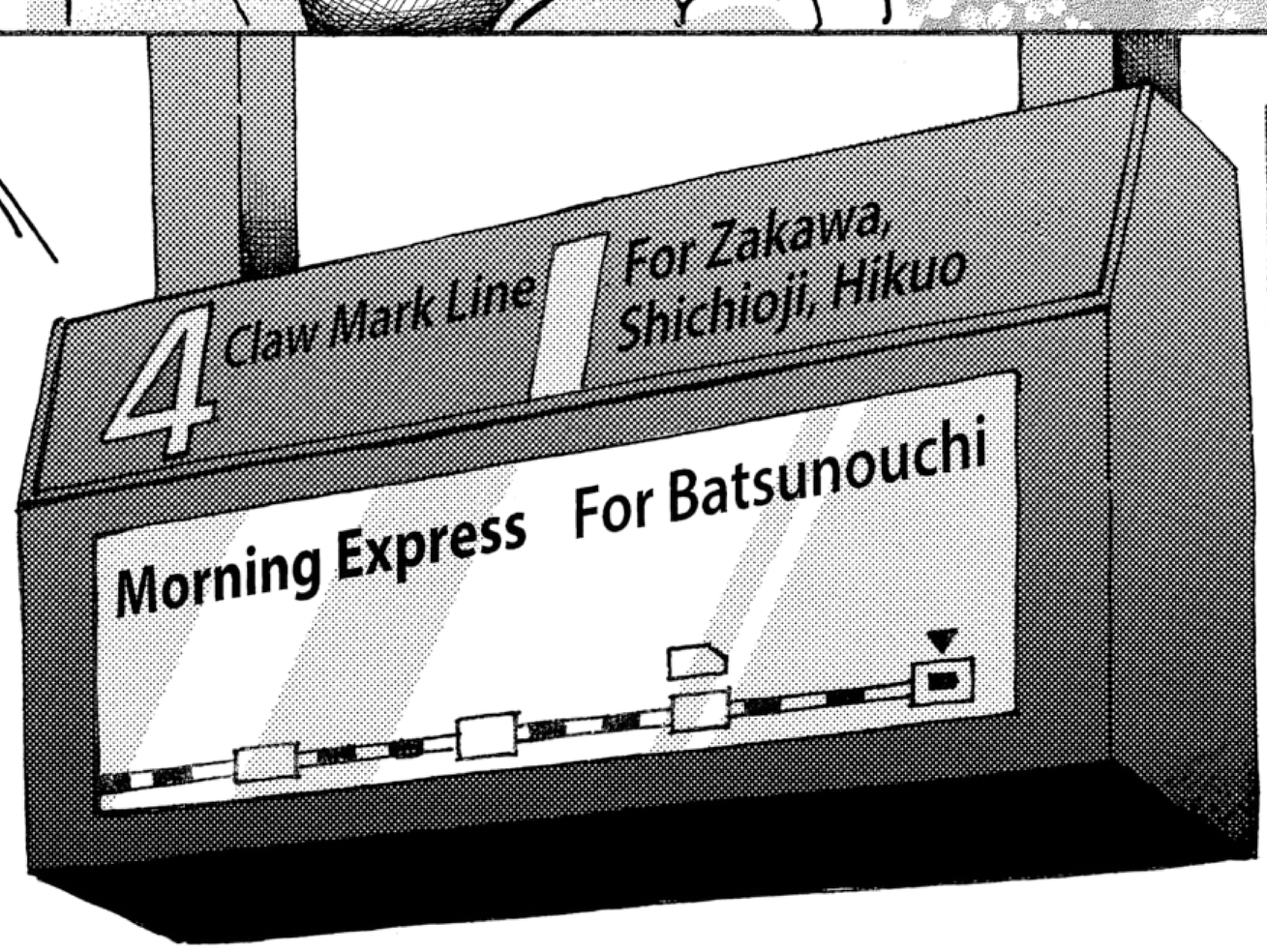
RED LIPSTICK...

Yay!

...EXCEPT FOR ONE WEIRD HABIT...

Stay behind the yellow line!

THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT MY DAILY ROUTINE...



YOUR TAIL'S HITTING MY LEG!

SO WHATZ! ARE YOU ASKING ME TO BITE YOU HARDZ!

EVERY MORNING, I COM-MUTE TO WORK ON A CROWDED TRAIN...

...FULL OF CARNI-VORES.

...BUT FOR SOME REASON, I'M ALWAYS DETERMINED TO RIDE IN THE INTERSPECIES CAR.

THE PEACEFUL HERBIVORES-ONLY TRAIN CAR IS ONLY TWO CARS AWAY...

HEH... I HAVE MY REASONS...

I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU. YOU'D NEVER UNDERSTAND.

WHY DO YOU INSIST ON BOARDING IT?

THE INTERSPECIES CAR IS DANGEROUS.

I NEED TO REMAIN...

Don't worry.

I'll be fine.

ONLY A SUICIDAL HERBIVORE WOULD DO THAT...

IF YOU TAP YOUR CHEEKS THREE TIMES IN FRONT OF A CARNIVORE, YOU'RE SIGNALING THEM, "GO AHEAD, DEVOUR ME!" SO WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TOUCH YOUR CHEEKS ON THE TRAIN.

MORN-ING.

MORN-ING.

MORN-ING.

GOOD MORNING!

...ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH CARNI-VORES AS LONG AS I...

...WORK HERE.

I MANAGED TO GET HIRED THANKS TO MY ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND MY PASSION FOR THEIR PRODUCTS.

AT THIS MAJOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT COMPANY, MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES ARE MALE CARNI-VORES.

THEIR SLEEK, ANGULAR DESIGNS ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM MY FLUFFY, ROUND APPEARANCE...

I'VE LOVED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SINCE I WAS A LAMB.

HEY, LITTLE LAMB! WE'RE ALL GOING OUT FOR DRINKS TONIGHT. WANNA JOIN US?

I WORK IN SALES. THE STARS OF THE COMPANY WORK IN THIS DEPART-MENT.

UM... NO THANKS.

I WANT TO BREAK ANOTHER SALES RECORD THIS MONTH.

I NEED TO WORK LATE TODAY.

LAMB CHOP! THE DEPART-MENT HEAD WANTS TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

OKAY, THANKS.

YOU DID YOUR BEST, BUT... EVERYONE HAS THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

YEAH.

Sales department head (skunk)

WHAT?! I'M BEING TRANS-FERRED?

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL THIS DEPARTMENT HEAD... AND EVERYONE WHO WORKS HERE.

...HOW CAN I PUT THIS...WE WERE HOPING YOU'D BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THINGS CARNIVORE EMPLOYEES CAN'T.

WE ASSIGNED YOU TO SALES BECAUSE ...

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S NO SURPRISE A SHEEP WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME SELLING SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

I MEAN, THE PHYSICAL ABILITIES OF SHEEP ARE... WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, LAMB CHOP.

...ISN'T "LAMB CHOP."

Don't take it the wrong way.

I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THIS, BUT MY NAME...

YEAH, UH-HUH... ANY-WAY...

YOU CALL ME LAMB CHOP TO IMPLY I'M JUST MUTTON! I WON'T LET THE BULLYING OF NASTY GROWN-UP CARNIVORES CRUSH ME!

MY NAME IS SEVEN! IT'S A COOL NAME!

Is that so...?

...FOR YOU, LAMB CHOP. CAN YOU WORK TONIGHT?

I HAVE A MUCH MORE IM-PORTANT JOB...

WHAT IS IT?

"MUCH MORE IMPOR-TANT"?

WHAT?

KLAK

FSSSH

YEAH, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT PRODUCT! LET'S DO IT!

fwuff fwuff

YEAH! AND HAVE WE GOT SOME GREAT CONCEPTS FOR YOU! FOR STARTERS, WE'LL USE RED AS THE BASE COLOR AND BLACK FOR ACCENTS...

WE'D LOVE TO PARTNER WITH YOUR COMPANY TO CREATE SPORTSWEAR THAT APPEALS TO YOUNG, HOT-BLOODED CARNIVORES ...

I'M A MERINO SHEEP.

I LOVE YOUR WOOL... WHAT SPECIES ARE YOU?

NNGH... I CAN'T BREATHE...

SHVR

GRAB

ALL CARNI-VORES LOVE THE COLOR RED!

I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR SEVEN YEARS, AND NOW I'M BEING FORCED TO ENTERTAIN CLIENTS LIKE A GEISHA...

HA...

HA HA HA...

I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...

LAMB CHOP IS OUR STAFF'S EMOTIONAL-SUPPORT BEAST! DON'T YOU JUST WANT TO STROKE HER WOOL FOREVER?

...BE-CAUSE I'M DONE WITH SALES.

I'M THROWING OUT MY RED LIP-STICK...

...THIS EXPENSIVE APARTMENT.

AND I'LL MOVE OUT OF...

GROWN-UPS BULLY BEHIND THE SCENES. AND REALLY NASTILY TOO.

THE CARNIVORE EMPLOYEES STARTED BULLYING ME THE MOMENT I BEGAN WORKING THERE.

...OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

...I WASN'T AWARE...

I'VE ALWAYS PRE-TENDED ...

MY HEART WAS SHAT-TERED LONG AGO, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE IT UNTIL NOW.

Interspecies Car

I NEED TO SEE THE WORLD FOR WHAT IT IS— AND ACCEPT REALITY.

OH, SHUT UP! QUIT GROWL-ING!

H-HEY! YOUR CLAWS GRAZED MY SHOUL-DER!

THE REASON I'VE BEEN RIDING THE INTER-SPECIES TRAIN CARS...

...IS BE-CAUSE I WANT TO KILL MY-SELF...

"...YOU'RE SIGNALING THEM, 'GO AHEAD, DEVOUR ME!'"

"IF YOU TAP YOUR CHEEKS THREE TIMES IN FRONT OF A CARNI-VORE..."

THIS WOLF IS COVERED WITH SCARS...

TAP

TAP

...DIS-
RESPECTFUL
!

AND
LISTEN
TO
ME...

Y-
YOU'RE
BEING
...

THAT WAS MY STATION!

BAM

PPPSS

OOPS.

SHH

YOU SHOULDN'T BE RIDING IN THIS CAR. IT'S DANGEROUS!

Um...

...

Oh nooo...

WHOOSH

...THAT'S A WEIRD WAY TO PUT IT.

I MEAN, POINT TAKEN, BUT...

WHAT THE HELL?

"YOU'RE BEING DISRESPECTFUL"?

...

HE MUST BE A YOUNG WOLF...

IYOSK

I ACTED IMPULSIVELY AND GOT SCOLDED BY A PUP!

STILL INNO-CENT.

HE PUSHED ME OUT OF THE CAR WITH JUST ONE PAW. HE'S STRONGER THAN HE NEEDS TO BE.

I SAW HIS HUGE, WHITE FANGS WHEN HE OPENED HIS MUZZLE.

HE REMINDS ME OF MY JUNIOR- AND SENIOR-HIGH CARNI-VORE CLASS-MATES...

BUT AT LEAST THEY WERE DIRECT WITH ME... EVEN THOUGH THEY COULD GET PRETTY ROUGH.

WHEN WE WERE STUDENTS, CARNIVORES DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO HIDE THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND FANGS.

...BUT THEY TURNED INTO TERRIFYING BEASTS I DON'T RECOGNIZE ANYMORE.

WHEN THEY GREW UP, THEY LEARNED TO HIDE THEIR SAVAGERY...

I HOPE YOU GROW UP WITHOUT LOSING YOUR INNOCENCE.

I'M SORRY FOR MY INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, WOLF.

THERE AREN'T MANY VACANT APARTMENTS AVAILABLE AROUND HERE. WHAT TYPE OF PLACE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

...

OX Realty

SMALL AND INEXPENSIVE WOULD SUIT ME.

AHA HA HA... THAT WOULD SUIT YOU, HUH? HM... OH!

WE HAVE ANOTHER CUSTOMER WHO'S HAVING TROUBLE FINDING AN APARTMENT TOO...

THERE IS ONE PLACE THAT HAS EXACTLY TWO VACANCIES LEFT. THEY ACCEPT ANY BEAST BECAUSE THE BUILDING'S RUN-DOWN AND THE ROOMS ARE SMALL.

"EX-ACTLY" TWO VACAN-CIES?

YOU COULD BE NEIGHBORS!

CHEAP APARTMENTS AREN'T SAFE!!

WHAT ?!

OH ...

THIS WOLF IS STILL A TEENAGER, BUT HE ALREADY HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD FOR DE-VOURING MEAT.

Beast Apartments

THIS NOISY NEIGH-BOR-HOOD IS...

...TEN MINUTES BY TRAIN FROM CENTER STREET.

A TEN-MINUTE WALK TO THE BLACK MARKET.

BEAST APART-MENTS... CON-STRUCTED 56 YEARS AGO. SIX STORIES. RENT IS 25,000 A MONTH. SHARED WASH-ROOMS. NO BATHING FACILI-TIES.

Chapter 101: Condition for Rental—Find a Stray Dog

...MY NEXT-DOOR NEIGH-BOR MAKES A TON OF NOISE EVERY NIGHT.

KLT TR KLT TR

AND ...

THUD THUD WHUD WHUD WHAM WHAM

Moving Services

Communal washstands

That's scary...

THE LIGHTS ARE NEVER ON IN HIS ROOM... DOES THAT MEAN HE'S GOING BERSERK ALONE IN THE DARK?

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THUD THUD

Sham-wool

SHFF

I HAVE TO WORK TOMORROW! I CAN'T SLEEP! SIGH... I NEED TO USE THE RESTROOM.

HE'S A...

EEK!

CLEARLY MY NEIGH-BOR ISN'T NORMAL.

POP

...WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD...

...GRAY WOLF...

KSH

Sham-wool

G-GOOD EVE-NING.

I'M THE ADULT HERE! WE BOTH MOVED IN A WEEK AGO. I GUESS THE LEAST I CAN DO IS SAY HELLO...

IS H-HE GOING TO KILL ME NOW...? WHY DID I TELL AN EX-CON CARNIVORE THAT I'M A SHEEP?

NICE TO MEET YOU.

HE'S A CARNIVORE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD...

I'M SEVEN, YOUR NEXT-DOOR NEIGH-BOR. I'M A MERINO SHEEP.

WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE... WE RAN INTO EACH OTHER AT THE RENTAL AGENCY.

JUST NOD-DED AT ME!

HE DIDN'T SAY A THING.

I SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS BECAUSE OF HIS CRIMINAL RECORD...

HOW RUDE!

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY. I'M SO SORRY, MS. NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR...

EH?!

NOD

...

BUT STILL!

Bow wow bow wow bow wow

701 Canines

WE CAME OVER TO THROW YOU A HOUSE-WARMING PARTY!

LEGO-SHI!

Soba Tempura

GUYS...

G-G...

HELLO!

I smell wood!

SNIFF SNIFF

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ONLY GAVE YOUR NEW ADDRESS TO JACK!

OF COURSE IT'S SMALL. THIS IS A SIX-TATAMI-MAT ROOM.

A "shake hands" gesture as a greeting

YOUR PLACE IS SO SMALL! IT'S ONLY HALF AS BIG AS OUR DORM ROOM!

HEH HEH. I BROUGHT THE WHOLE GANG ALONG.

GOOD, HE'S HAPPY WE CAME.

I DON'T MIND THOUGH. MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

YOU DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY WARNING. MY PLACE ISN'T READY FOR GUESTS YET.

WAG WAG WAG

We offer our paws to you with love.

Won't you welcome us in?

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE QUITTING SCHOOL ...

GUYS...

WE'VE LIVED TOGETHER FOR FIVE YEARS! WE'RE FRIENDS FOREVER!

(The walls are so thin she can hear almost everything they say.)

I GUESS HE HAS MORE FRIENDS THAN I THOUGHT ...

Don't be shy...

WE'LL VISIT AGAIN SOON!

THANK YOU.

THIS PLACE IS TINY!

IT JUST SEEMS LIKE IT BECAUSE YOU'RE SO BIG!

KR EE K

...HUGE AND...

TELL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. AND HURRY UP AND FIND A JOB.

THANKS. SEE YOU.

HIS GUESTS SURE ARE ROWDY AND...

AOBA

BILL

BILL'S GOING TO BE THE DRAMA CLUB PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR!

GUESS WHAT, LEGOSHI Z!

THIS DUMP IS SO RUN-DOWN EVERYONE WILL HEAR YOU WHEN YOU HAVE SEX!

...A BIT WILD...

REALLY? CONGRATULATIONS, BILL. I HOPE YOU DO A GOOD JOB.

I DON'T NEED A LECTURE FROM A DROPOUT! LOUIS APPOINTED ME AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

AGH! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUNG MALES TALK ABOUT SEX! I GUESS I'D BETTER GO OUT SOME-WHERE...

SO THAT'S HOW THE INCIDENT WAS COVERED UP... I'VE CAUSED SO MANY PROBLEMS FOR LOUIS...

Me neither... All of us in the Drama Club were so shocked!

I can't believe the murderer was Riz ...

BUT HE LOST A LEG!

YOU HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO LOUIS, RIGHT? HE WENT TO SEE RIZ ALL BY HIMSELF ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. HE FIGURED OUT IT WAS RIZ WHO KILLED AND DEVOURED TEM...

I'M THE ONE WHO ATE LOUIS'S LEG. HE TOLD ME TO EAT IT, BUT STILL...

Tangerines

I FEEL LIKE I'M RUNNING FROM MY SINS...

YOUR PAD'S ONLY ABOUT HALF AN HOUR FROM SCHOOL BY TRAIN.

BY THE WAY, DOMU AND PINA WANT TO COME VISIT TOO. YOU DON'T MIND IF I GIVE THEM YOUR NEW ADDRESS, DO YOU?

I QUIT SCHOOL! I DON'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH HERBI-VORES ANY-MORE!

WHAT?! NO WAY IN HELL!

...

Urk...

YOU'RE A TERRIBLE LIAR... YOU SHOULD HEAR YOURSELF.

OH YEAH? SO SPILL IT. WHAT'S THE REAL REASON YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO COME SEE YOU?

And you have no life skills.

YOU WANT TO GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT EVEN A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE? GROWN-UP CARNIVORES HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO LIVE WITH OTHER BEASTS!

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN WEIRD, BUT I SERIOUSLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D QUIT SCHOOL OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THIS!

brsh brsh brsh brsh

YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO GET ALONG WITH YOUR NEIGH-BORS!

...NOT...

LIFE... SKILLS...

BILL'S RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY.

BUT I'M...

CALM DOWN!

...WITH HERBI-VORES...

...SUP-POSED TO HAVE ANY CON-TACT...

DRIP

I UNDER-STAND THE MEANING OF THOSE WORDS IN MY BONES...

(ESPECIALLY LIVING MEAT...)

"DEVOURING MEAT IS NEVER JUSTIFIED!"

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THE FIRST HERBIVORE I TOUCHED AFTER I ATE LOUIS'S LEG...

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...WAS MY NEIGHBOR.

WHAT ?!

I ONLY TOUCHED HER FOR A MOMENT ON THE BACK, BUT MY BRAIN...

...FLASHED BACK TO...

...THE TASTE... AND FLAVOR... OF MEAT! HOW IT FELT ON MY TONGUE... SLIDING DOWN MY THROAT...

WHAT ?!

WHAT ?!

WHAT ?!

MY BODY CRAVES MEAT. I'M HAVING WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS...

HUF

...BECAUSE NOW I KNOW THE TASTE OF MEAT.

HUF

RRGH... NNGH!

THOSE NIGHT-MARES MAKE ME TOSS AND TURN AND CRY OUT IN MY SLEEP ...

"LEGOSHI... EAT MY RIGHT LEG."

I RELIVE IT IN MY DREAMS EVERY NIGHT.

ARGH
!

GRPP

THOK THOK THOK

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HE HASN'T LOCKED HIS DOOR. DOESN'T HE CARE ABOUT SECURITY ?

EX-CUSE ME...

ARE YOU... ALL RIGHT?

I'M GOING TO CONFRONT HIM TONIGHT!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!

WHUD WHAM WHAM

I NEED S- S...

AIIEEE
!

SOME LIFE SKILLS!

...LIFE ...

...SOME...

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

I DON'T HAVE ELEC-TRICITY IN MY ROOM...

SEVEN ...

Tangerines

Tangerines

YEAH. THEY'LL TURN ON THE ELECTRICITY REMOTELY FOR YOU.

THE... POWER COM-PANY?

JUST CALL THE POWER COMPANY AND TELL THEM WHERE YOU LIVE.

I'VE GOT...

IS MY APPETITE WANING, BECAUSE I'M CONVERSING WITH HER?

HUF

...AN-OTHER QUES-TION.

HUF

OH... UM...

DO YOU HAVE A SMARTPHONE? ZOOZLE THEIR CONTACT NUMBER.

...

A JOB? UM... WHY DON'T YOU CHECK OUT THE *CITY WORK* FREE PAPER? YOU CAN GET THEM AT TRAIN STATIONS. YOU SHOULD CHECK ONLINE JOB SITES TOO, AND...

I NEED A JOB, BUT... I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LOOK FOR ONE.

NO! UU MM

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DON'T TOUCH ME!

...HARD ADULT LIFE...

CALL THE POWER COM-PANY... CITY WORK AND JOB SITES...

MY NEW...

I'M GOING THROUGH WITH-DRAWAL.

"LAMB CHOP." "LAMB CHOP, WILL YOU PHOTO-COPY THIS?"

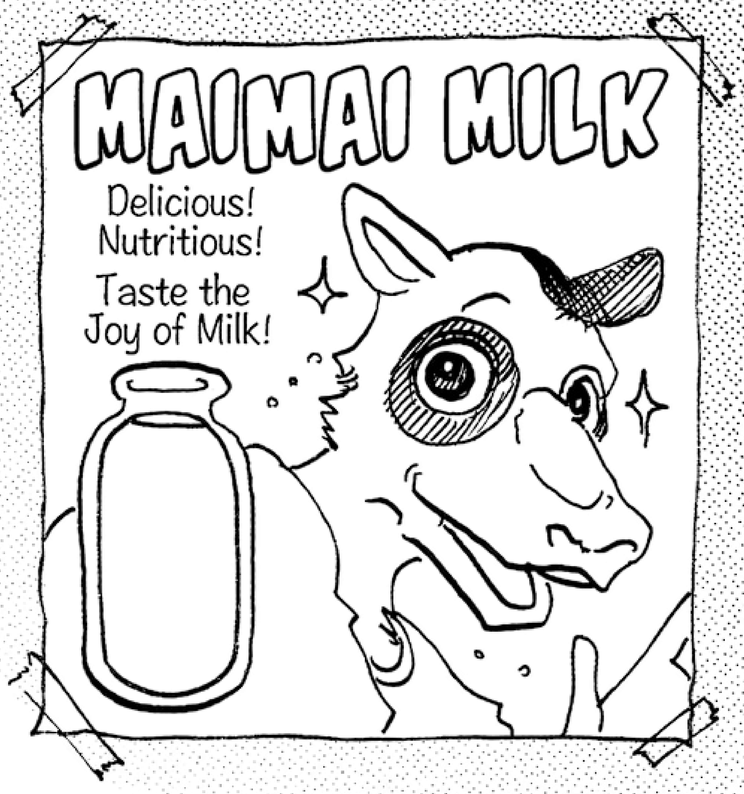
HOW COME YOU'RE ANSWER-ING MY QUESTIONS INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY?

UM... I REALIZE THIS IS A WEIRD THING TO ASK, BUT...

...IS JUST BEGIN-NING.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE A CARNIVORE'S CALLED ME BY MY REAL NAME. IT MAKES ME HAPPY.

THE BUREAU OF LABOR MANAGEMENT WILL BE INSPECTING OUR MAIMAI MILK FACTORY TODAY...



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GOT IT2!

...AND SO WE EXPECT YOU PRODUCERS TO PUT ON A HAPPY FACE TODAY. SHOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE WORKING HERE.

NICOLA, COVER UP THE DARK CIRCLES UNDER YOUR EYES. THEY STAND OUT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PATTERNS THERE.

O-OKAY...

SIGH...

I'LL CHECK OUTSIDE.

THE INSPEC-TOR IS ARRIVING ANY MINUTE NOW!

Keep the factory floor clean
1.
2.
3.

AND IT'S THEIR FAULT I DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP...

I WORK AT THE MAIMAI MILK FACTORY. IT'S RUN BY A FAMILY OF SNOW LEOPARDS.

...AND SNOW LEOPARDS FOR ALL THE OTHER POSITIONS.

WAIT HERE.

THEIR BUSI-NESS PLAN IS TO HIRE COWS TO PRODUCE THE MILK...

I'm glad.

WE NEED TO, BECAUSE...

I'M RE-LIEVED THEY LEFT.

SWAY

OHH...

Milking

...BUT WE COWS LOOK OUT FOR ONE AN-OTHER.

NICOLA... ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S A TOXIC WORK ENVI-RON-MENT ...

I'M FINE. GOT MORE SLEEP LAST NIGHT THAN USUAL.

AFTER YOU TAKE GALACTA-GOGUE, YOU NEED TO REST.

A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

I'M SORRY... IT'S THE SIDE EFFECTS...

THIS AL-WAYS HAP-PENS!

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK IN THE LOCKER ROOM? THAT STUFF MAKES ME DIZZY, AND I CAN'T STOP SWEATING.

HOW CAN THEY MAKE US DRINK THAT MEDICATION? THEY'RE MONSTERS!

UNNH ...

IT MAKES ALL OF US COWS FEEL POORLY. NICOLA, INSOMNIA IS ANOTHER ONE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS, YOU KNOW.

BUT IT'S IN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN US OLDER FEMALE COWS AND THE SNOW LEOPARDS.

I KNOW.

...WE DRINK GALACTAGOGUE TO PRODUCE MORE MILK. BUT THE SIDE EFFECTS MAKE US SICK.

WE'RE IN OUR FORTIES. THEY SAY THE QUALITY OF OUR MILK IS INFERIOR TO THE MILK OF YOUNG COWS. THE SNOW LEOPARDS ARE ONLY WILLING TO HIRE US ON THE CONDITION THAT...

HUH ?

I'M PROUD OF THE MILK I PRODUCE. BUT I'M SUFFERING TO MAKE IT.

I'VE GOTTEN USED TO IT FOR THE MOST PART.

THEY DON'T CARE HOW THEY TREAT US. TO THEM, WE'RE JUST SUPPLY SOURCES.

YOU'RE CRYING...

UM...

YOU MUST HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO.

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WASTE YOUR TIME COMING ALL THIS WAY TO INSPECT OUR FACTORY.

TUG

SHE'S JUST GOT CHRONIC HAY FEVER!

NICOLA, THIS IS THE OFFICIAL FROM THE BUREAU OF LABOR MANAGE-MENT.

CIVIL SERVANTS CERTAINLY WORK HARD...

IT'S MY JOB TO INSPECT INTEGRATED WORKPLACES WITH CARNIVORES AND HERBIVORES.

OF COURSE WE DO! WE'RE ALL EQUALS!

AS PART OF MY INSPECTION, I NEED TO ASK... DO YOU ENJOY WORKING HERE?

Z!

I WASN'T ASKING THE CARNI-VORES.

G-GAH...

SHUV

THIS MILK FACTORY'S MANAGEMENT HAS A BAD REPUTATION.

IF YOU THINK I'LL ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE OPERATING LIKE THIS, YOU'RE SORELY MISTAKEN.

HE'S NOTHING LIKE THE PREVIOUS INSPEC-TORS!

WHO IS TH-THIS GUY?

Z

Z

YOU'RE NO ORDINARY LABOR BUREAU INSPEC-TOR...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

WHO, ME? I'M JUST...

TMP

...A PROUD HERBIVORE.

RRIP

RRIP

RIP RIP RIP

OUCH.

CHAK

THE BODIES OF HERBIVORES AREN'T RAW MATERIALS TO BE EXPLOITED!

OUR SOCIETY FUNCTIONS BECAUSE WE HERBIVORES ARE TOLERANT AND GENEROUS. AND BECAUSE OF...

...HOW TO TREAT US WITH THE RESPECT WE DESERVE.

COWS, LET'S SHOW MANAGEMENT...

KRAK

POP

KRAK

...ME.

Y—
Y...

YAH—
YAZ!

HE'S YAHYA, THE VALIANT BEASTAR ?! I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE ...

WHY WOULD YOU WASTE YOUR TIME ON US?

BEASTS CALL YOU OUR LIVING GUARD-IAN ANGEL... WE HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE COMING HERE!

YOU'RE YAHYA, THE CURRENT BEASTAR!

I'VE HEARD RUMORS HE'S A TRUE GENTLEMAN...

...SCARY VIBE...

AND HE HAS A...

HE ISN'T BUILT LIKE A WEAK HERBI-VORE...

SHALL I PROVE THE OLD ADAGE THAT MIGHT MAKES RIGHT?

BUT HE'S SO... HANDSOME.

HUF HUF...

BUT THE POW-ERFUL MUST ALSO BE BE-NEVO-LENT.

THEY HAVE THAT RIGHT. DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THEY'RE CARNI-VORE OR HERBI-VORE.

IT'S SAD BUT TRUE... THE POWER-FUL RULE.

YOU'RE A SNOW LEOPARD. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT.

KICK KICK

KA-ZAM!

W-
WHOA...

TH-
THAT
TANK IS
STAIN-
LESS
STEEL...

SUR-
PRISED
?

FWIP

I'LL
REIMBURSE
YOU.
HERE'S
A CHECK.
I HOPE
YOU CAN
FORGIVE
ME.

FOR A BEASTAR, THAT'S POCKET CHANGE. USE IT TO IMPROVE YOUR COWS' WORKING CONDITIONS.

INCREASE YOUR FACTORY'S EFFICIENCY WITHOUT MAKING YOUR COWS TAKE GALACTA-GOGUE.

Z!

W-WE... CAN'T ACCEPT A HUGE AMOUNT LIKE THIS!

TH-THANK ---

UM...

I WOULD HAVE COME EARLIER IF I'D KNOWN HOW YOU LADIES WERE SUFFERING. MY APOL-OGIES.

THE LABOR BUREAU REQUESTED THAT I PAY YOU A VISIT.

...YOU!

IF YOU HERBIVORES AND CARNI-VORES GET ALONG AND MORALE IMPROVES...

We're going to have to buy a new tank...

Yeah...

Factory manager... Are you okay?

YOU'RE COWORKERS. YOU SHOULD RESPECT EACH OTHER.

TODAY'S MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED! *GLUG GLUG...*

...YOUR FACTORY WILL PRODUCE BETTER MILK.

YOU HAVE POWERFUL LEGS. RIPPLING MUSCLES.

YOU RUN AND WALK SO GRACE-FULLY.

HEY, YAHYA...? WHAT IS IT YOU LIKE ABOUT ME?

LOTS OF THINGS. YOUR HAIR'S SHORT AND GLOSSY.

HEH HEH...

THAT'S TRUE OF ALL HORSES!

YEAH, BUT...

Chapter 103: Rainfall After Seeds Are Sown

LOVE OF YOUR OWN SPECIES IS THE PATH TO A LIFE OF EASE!

THANK YOU. I HAD A NICE TIME. TAKE CARE.

A BEASTAR MUST BE INDEPEN-DENT.

YOU'RE LEAVING? ALREADY?

I NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK.

Stay as long as you like.

LOVE BETWEEN SPECIES... SEXUAL LOVE... BEASTS OFTEN FEEL THE GREATEST ATTRACTION TO THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

I CARVED THAT TRUTH INTO MY HEART A LONG TIME AGO...

A LEADER CAN'T GIVE IN TO SUCH PASSION.

BUT THAT INTENSITY ONLY COURTS DISASTER.

Thirty-six years before...

THANKS TO THE PAIR OF YOU STAMPING OUT THE BAD ELEMENTS THERE. YOU TWO ARE DOING AN INCREDIBLE JOB!

THE CRIME RATE IN THE DORIS DISTRICT HAS DECREASED 40 PERCENT IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

I WONDER WHICH OF YOU WILL BECOME OUR NEXT BEASTAR...

OR GOSHA, THE 17-YEAR-OLD CARNI-VORE?

YAHYA, THE 15-YEAR-OLD HERBI-VORE?

TUP
TUP

BOTH OF YOU ARE RISING STARS! KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AS YOU STRIVE TO EARN THE TITLE OF THE NEXT BEASTAR. BUT DON'T BE AFRAID TO BEAT YOUR COMPETITION!

YES, CHIEF.

I TRUST YOU'LL ALWAYS MAINTAIN A HEALTHY RIVALRY.

VROOM

YEP.

HEY, YAHYA... GOT YOUR MEDAL READY?

THEN LET'S DO THIS... ONE, TWO, THREE...

WE DON'T NEED YOUR STUPID COMMEN-DATIONS!

GOSHA AND I WEREN'T AIMING TO BECOME THE BEASTAR...

OUR GOAL WAS TO BECOME THE BEASTARS, TOGETHER!

WE'LL KEEP FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT TOGETHER ...

...RIGHT?

HOW DARE HE TELL US TO BE RIVALS AND COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER!

I LIKED THE DETERMINATION IN HIS EYES.

...WAS A QUIET KOMODO DRAGON. REPTILES DON'T TALK MUCH.

NOD

GOSHA ...

COME ON, JOIN ME.

I'VE HAD A HARD LIFE. I GUESS THAT'S WHY I HAVE TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP.

YOU HARDLY SLEEP.

LET'S CONTINUE OUR NIGHT PATROL A LITTLE LONGER TONIGHT.

WHAT?! IT'S PAST 3 A.M. ALREADY!

WILL GOSHA EVER TELL ME ABOUT HIS PAST...?

FIRST, I'LL PULL OUT YOUR FANGS SO YOU CAN'T BITE ME...

HA HA HA... YOU'LL MAKE A LUXURY FUR.

AH... UH...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

STOP... BEHIND YOU...

WHAT?

WHUD

ARGH!

...FAIR...

N- NO...

...SON...

WHAM

YOU'RE USING REPTILE POI...

IT WAS JUST ANOTHER NIGHT FOR US.

EX-CEPT THIS TIME ...

SLUMP

UM...

OH.

GOSHA AND THE FEMALE WOLF STARED AT EACH OTHER FOR SEVERAL SECONDS.

THANK... YOU...

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY ASKING BEASTS TO KILL YOU IF YOU WALK ALONE AT NIGHT.

WINTERS HAVE BEEN COLD THESE PAST FEW YEARS. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF INCIDENTS OF FURRY MAMMALS GETTING SKINNED.

SHE SEEMS SLOW ON THE UP-TAKE...

YOU MEAN... I WAS ABOUT TO GET TURNED INTO A FUR COAT?

OH... OKAY...

SEE YOU.

I'LL CALL YOU TOMOR-ROW.

BYE.

...

I'LL SEE HER HOME. SHE LIVES NEAR MY PLACE ANYWAY.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER.

YEAH? ALL RIGHT. TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.

...

HUH?

OH... I'M SORRY.

WHAT'S YOUR PROB-LEM?

HEY! QUIT STARING AT ME!

A KOMODO DRAGON'S MOUTH IS FULL OF POISON.

HMPH

OH. SHE'S JUST CURI-OUS.

Tee hee

I CAN'T HELP BUT STARE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY REPTILE FRIENDS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE CLOSE-UP.

...IT'S NO SURPRISE A MAMMAL LIKE YOU WOULD THINK I'M A MONSTER.

I'M HUGE AND COVERED IN SCALES. I'M POISON-OUS, SO...

BUT YOUR SCALES ARE SO BEAUTI-FUL...

!

GRASP

THEY'RE LIKE JEWELS. SO SHINY...

DON'T ALL FEMALES COMPLIMENT MALES, WHETHER THEY MEAN IT OR NOT?

I SHOULDN'T LET HER WORDS AFFECT ME! SHE'S JUST FLIRTING!

GOOD NIGHT.

WELL... YOU'RE HOME. SEE YOU!

GOSHA WENT OUT WITH HER THE NEXT DAY.

B- BUT... HER TAIL WAS WAG- GING...

I WOULDN'T BE DATING HER FOR SIX MONTHS IF WE DIDN'T.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON?

A LIZARD AND A WOLF MAKE A PRETTY UNUSUAL INTERSPECIES COUPLE!

AND TO MY SUR- PRISE, THEY KEPT DATING.

SO WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO TELL ME...?

GO AHEAD AND HAVE YOUR FUN.

WELL... THE TIME TO EXPERIMENT WITH INTER- SPECIES RELATION- SHIPS IS WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG...

SHE'S... PREGNANT.

WITH MY CHILD.

I JUST TOLD YOU IT WAS MINE.

B-BUT... YOU'RE OVIPAROUS. SHE'S VIVIPAROUS. HOW COULD SHE GET PREGNANT ?!

WHOSE CHILD ?!

WHAT?

B-BUT...

I NEED TO BE THERE FOR HER.

THE DOCTOR TOLD US IT'S A MIRACLE... THE PROB-ABILITY OF HER GETTING PREGNANT WAS ONE IN 500... SHE'S HAPPY ABOUT IT.

W-WE'RE GOING TO BE BEASTARS TOGETHER, TO FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!

GIVING BIRTH TO YOUR BABY MUST BE RISKY FOR HER! YOU HAVE YOUR WHOLE FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU! THIS IS NO TIME TO START A FAMILY!

BUT THIS COEXISTENCE I'VE FOUND SO CLOSE TO ME... TAKES PRECE-DENCE NOW.

I'M... OUT.

I WANTED TO BE CO-BEASTARS WITH YOU TO PROVE THAT DIFFERENT SPECIES COULD COEXIST PEACEFULLY.

...

THAT'S WHEN OUR PATHS DIVERGED...

YOUR INTERSPECIES GRANDSON LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOU, GOSHA...

EYES TURNED UP AT THE CORNERS. SLANTED EYE-BROWS...

Canidae
Gray wolf

Legoshi

Has reptile ancestry.

THEY'RE PERFECT FOR SLEEPING IN BECAUSE THEY'RE SO ROOMY!

AREN'T THEY TOO BIG FOR YOU?

LABRADORS HATE BEING ALONE.

JACK'S BEEN WEARING LEGOSHI'S HAND-ME-DOWNS A LOT LATELY.

Room 701 room-mates just out of the bath

THIS IS...

SOMEONE'S CALLING... OH! I THINK I RECOGNIZE THIS NUM-BER...

BZZZ

BZZZ

I'd look great in that shirt because I'm bigger than you.

I DON'T MISS LEGOSHI. I KNOW WE'RE FRIENDS FOREVER.

Chapter 104: A Lethal Dose of Love Tastes of Marmalade

JACK
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WHERE ON EARTH IS LEGO-SHI?!

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LEGOSHI'S GRANDPA IS CALLING JACK?!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, JACK... HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

HUH?! YOU'RE LEGO-SHI'S GRANDPA, AREN'T YOU?

HE REMINDS ME OF MY MOM.

THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S A LABRA-DOR.

JACK IS GOOD WITH BEASTS.

BOW WOW

YES, IT HAS! I HOPE YOU'RE WELL! I'M FINE, THANKS!

HIS VOICE SOUNDS JUST LIKE LEGOSHI'S...

I'M ASHAMED TO TELL YOU... CHERRYTON HAS REFUNDED THIS YEAR'S TUITION FOR LEGOSHI.

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW. ISN'T A PAR-ENT OR GUARD-IAN'S SIGNA-TURE RE-QUIRED WHEN STU-DENTS DROP OUT?

THEY TOLD ME HE QUIT SCHOOL. WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?

I SEE.

NO, MY SIGNATURE WOULDN'T BE REQUIRED...

...FOR LEGOSHI TO QUIT SCHOOL.

LEGALLY SPEAKING, LEGOSHI AND I... AREN'T GRANDFATHER AND GRAND-SON.

THAT'S THE SAD FATE OF BEING A KOMODO DRAGON.

Grandpa
Grandma
(gray wolf)
(Komodo dragon)
Dad (gray wolf)
Mom (mixed species)
Legoshi
A complicated family tree...
I'M S-SORRY.
DON'T BE. IT'S ALL RIGHT. CHERRYTON JUST SAW ME AS AN OLD MAN WHO PAID LEGOSHI'S TUITION.
OH, NOW I REMEMBER! INTERSPECIES MARRIAGE IS FORBIDDEN IF ONE OF THE PAIR CONTAINS POISON.
SO LEGALLY, THEY'RE CONSIDERED STRANGERS!
BUT WE'RE STILL RELATED BY BLOOD...
...AND LEGOSHI IS MY ONLY GRANDSON. I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
I'M SURE HE HAD HIS REASONS FOR QUITTING SCHOOL.
I THINK YOU SHOULD TALK TO HIM THOUGH...
GRANDPA... LEGOSHI ISN'T RECKLESS. HE THINKS BEFORE HE ACTS.

Herbivores & Carnivores Welcome

Udon Noodle Shop Bebebe

I CAN TELL YOU WHERE HE LIVES!

Udon Noodle Shop Bebebe

Udon Noodle Shop Bebebe

I'm the manager.

Small Animals' Entrance

Udon Noodle Shop Bebebe

IS THE DEEP-FRIED TOFU UDON FOR TABLE FIVE READY?

UM...

fuuuu

tup

IS THIS THE DEEP-FRIED TOFU UDON? I'LL SERVE IT.

SHFF

SORRY!

WAIT UNTIL I PUT THE BOWL ON THE COUNTER BEFORE YOU PICK IT UP.

THIS IS MY FIRST JOB. I KNOW WHERE I STAND...

...

YOU'RE LIKE SOMEBODY'S MOM. IT'S HILARIOUS.

AHA HA HA... LEGOSHI, YOU'RE SO SENSITIVE! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SO STRESSED OUT ABOUT TOUCHING ME.

FINE BY ME.

OH, BUT... THE SCARS ON YOUR FACE COULD SPOOK THEM. GUESS I'LL HAVE YOU WORK IN THE KITCHEN INSTEAD.

OH...

YOU'RE A HANDSOME BEAST. CANINES ARE GOOD AT DEALING WITH CUSTOMERS, SO I'LL HAVE YOU WAIT TABLES.

Shop manager

RE-ALLY ?!

...ON THE SOCIAL PYRA-MID.

Interview

...WORK-ING TO-GETHER AT THIS RESTAU-RANT...

This one?

That's right.

Would you grab that bowl for me, please?

WHEN I SAW BEASTS OF ALL AGES AND SPECIES...

...I FELT I COULD MAKE A DECENT LIFE FOR MYSELF HERE IN...

Tempura Flakes

...THIS CORNER OF THE CITY.

SMALL CUSTOMERS ACTUALLY EAT A LOT. JUST MAKE SURE YOU CUT THE NOODLES INTO SMALL PIECES.

DO YOU USE THE SAME SIZE BOWL FOR SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED ANIMALS?

Good job, everyone.

THAT'S IT. CLOSING TIME.

STAFF

ONLY

I'M GLAD YOU CAN TAKE ON SO MANY SHIFTS.

I FOUND THIS OPENING ON A JOB SITE. AND I LIVE NEARBY.

RES-TAURANT JOBS ARE GOOD. THEY PAY WELL.

LEGOSHI, WHY'D YOU TAKE THIS JOB?

SEE YOU.

WELL, WE'RE OFF.

LATER!

HEH HEH... IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL. WE'RE ALL ADULTS.

CARNI-VORE AND HERBI-VORE STAFF REALLY GET ALONG WELL HERE.

CHIK

GRAB

HUH?! WHAT?!

Your claws hurt!

Mika (African lion, age 42)

HEY, LET'S GO TO THE BLACK MARKET TONIGHT AND THROW YOU A WELCOME PARTY!

YAY!

Thomas (raccoon, age 19)

Udon Noodle Shop Bebebe's Carnivores

Donson (ermine, age 19)

Sunaga (barn owl, age 35)

YOUR FAVORITE MEAT DISH IS ON ME!

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE BLACK MARKET? BUT YOU'VE HEARD OF IT, RIGHT?

WHY NOT?! OH, THAT'S RIGHT... YOU'RE ONLY 17.

H-HOLD ON! I'M NOT GOING TO THE BLACK MARKET!

YOU WERE WORKING WITH YOUR HERBIVORE COLLEAGUES JUST A MOMENT AGO! AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO THE BLACK MARKET TO EAT MEATZ!

TH-THAT'S NOT THE POINT.

WE CARNIVORES KNOW THAT...

WE WANT TO TAKE YOU TO THE BLACK MARKET BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT YOU.

For real.

EATING DEAD MEAT AT THE BLACK MARKET WILL SATISFY THOSE URGES.

...YOU'VE HAD A... TRAUMATIC MEAT-DEVOURING EXPERIENCE.

YOU REFUSE TO TOUCH OUR HERBIVORE STAFF BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO SUFFER WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.

...

I DEVOURED MY FRIEND'S LEG AS A TESTAMENT TO OUR FRIENDSHIP.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD TELL THEM THAT...

...SO I MADE MY EXCUSES AND LEFT.

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I ATE MEAT. AND THE LAST.

THAT'S THE VOW I'VE MADE. BUT MY BODY STILL CRAVES MEAT.

BUT I CAN'T DO EITHER OF THOSE THINGS...

I WANT TO SEE LOUIS AND CATCH UP ON OUR LIVES.

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO HARU WHEN I TALK TO HER AND HEAR HER TELL ME HOW STUPID I AM.

Juban Shibori

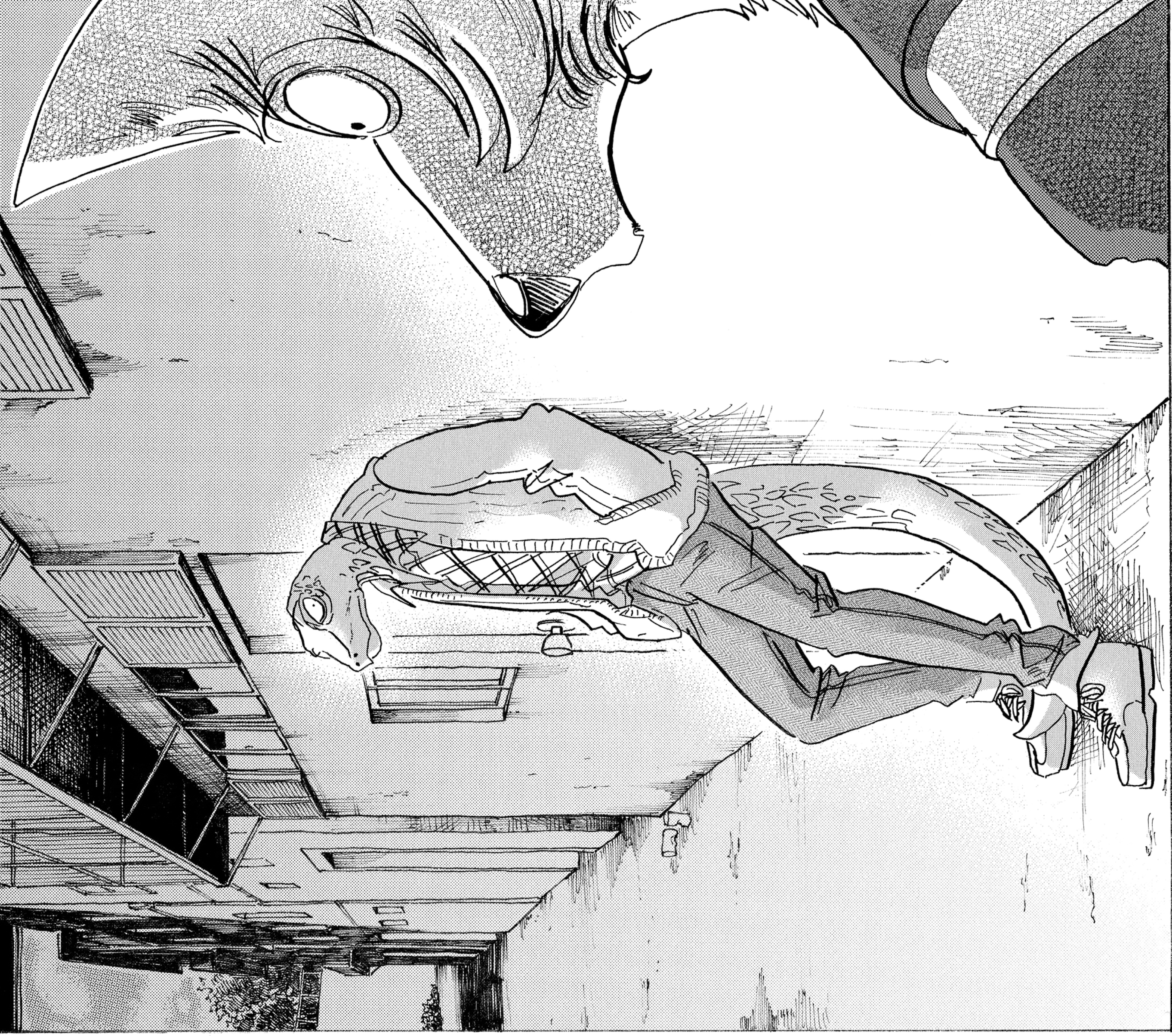
whisk pikka

I FEEL SO ALONE.

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT...

...TO MAINTAIN FRIEND-SHIPS WITH HERBI-VORES?

I'M HOME... GUESS I'LL GO TO BED EARLY TONIGHT.



CHMP

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...

THE DEADLY POISON OF A KOMODO DRAGON...

...ISN'T POISONOUS TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME SPECIES...

...G-
GRAND—

SHUV

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN, LEGOSHI?

...AFTER NOT SEE-ING EACH OTHER FOR FIVE YEARS!

THAT WAS SUCH A WEIRD WAY TO GREET ME...

MY POISON WON'T HURT YOU!

HIS POISON IS LETHAL...

...BUT IT TASTES LIKE BITTERSWEET MARMALADE TO ME.

BECAUSE YOU'RE MY GRANDSON!

hug

Chapter 105: The Man of Destiny Is Devoured

I'VE BEEN CHOSEN AS THE NEXT YOUNG BEASTAR?

THAT'S RIGHT.

THE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED.

ALL THE MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE STUDENT WHO DISCOVERED THE PERPETRATOR OF CHERRYTON ACADEMY'S MURDER AND DEVOURING INCIDENT* WOULD BECOME CHERRYTON'S YOUNG BEASTAR.

IN THAT CASE...

*See volume 7, chapter 53.

...THE TITLE SHOULD BE CONFERRED ON THE BEAST WHO ATE THIS LEG...

...HEAD-MASTER.

Chapter 105: The Man of Destiny Is Devoured

THAT LOOKS PAIN-FUL...

W-WE CAN'T DO THAT!

!

THE ONLY REASON HE DEVOURED YOUR LEG WAS TO PUT AN END TO THAT TRAGIC STORY. BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO LEAD THE SCHOOL AFTER THAT!

LEGOSHI QUIT SCHOOL. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE IS.

...BECAUSE YOUR MOTIVATIONS WERE INNOCENT AND BEASTS WOULD BE SHOCKED IF THEY FOUND OUT WHAT REALLY TRANSPIRED.

THE POLICE COVERED UP THE INCIDENT...

I MADE LEGOSHI DEVOUR MY LEG...

ALL RIGHT, THEN... I'LL SAY I WENT ALONE TO MEET RIZ, SOLVED THE MYSTERY ALL BY MYSELF AND LOST A LEG IN THE PROCESS... WILL THAT SUFFICE?

I UNDER-STAND.

...FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?!

*His image of Legoshi

DO I NEED TO KEEP COVER-ING FOR THAT STUPID DOG...

WELL... I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE DOING DURING YOUR TEMPO-RARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE, BUT... I'D STILL LIKE YOU TO COMPLETE YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER BY GIVING AN OUTSTANDING VALEDIC-TORIAN SPEECH.

THAT'S WHAT I EX-PECTED YOU'D SAY...

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF CALLING MYSELF THE YOUNG BEASTAR. THAT STORY IS A LIE. BOTH LEGOSHI AND I REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE TITLE.

...UNTIL THE BITTER END.

Commencement

ALL RIGHT. I'LL KEEP ACTING ...

...THE ROLE OF THE HONORS STUDENT ...

LEGOSHI HAS RE-TREATED INTO DARK-NESS.

WHILE I'M A BEAST OF THE LIGHT AGAIN.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THE VALUES WE'VE LEARNED HERE! COEXISTENCE AND CO-PROSPERITY OF ALL SPECIES IS OUR CREDO!

WE GRADUATES ARE PROUD TO HAVE ATTENDED CHERRYTON ACADEMY!

...BE-CAUSE SHE'S SO SMALL.

...BUT I CAN'T FIND HER...

I'VE BEEN LOOK-ING FOR HARU ALL THROUGH THE CERE-MONY...

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT THE TWO BEASTS WHO SOLVED THIS MYSTERY HAVE ACCOM-PLISHED SOMETHING REMARK-ABLE.

I REGRET THAT WE CANNOT MAKE THE TRUTH PUBLIC.

SO WE HAVE NO YOUNG BEASTAR... YET.

VICE-PRINCI-PAL...

L...

...OU...

AT LEAST NOW THE VICTIM... TEM... CAN FINALLY REST IN PEACE.

...I...

...S!

UM...

THANKS.

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS!
YOU'VE
GRADU-
ATED!

HOW CAN I PUT IT...? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BEHAVE AROUND YOU BECAUSE OF WHAT WE WENT THROUGH TOGETHER.

THAT'S NOT WHY.

YOU LOOKED DISAPPOINTED WHEN YOU REALIZED IT WAS ME.

I GUESS YOU THOUGHT I WAS SOMEONE ELSE...

YOU'RE THE ONLY STUDENT WHO KNOWS I WAS AT THE BLACK MARKET FOR SIX MONTHS.

WHAT WE... WENT THROUGH TOGETH-ER?

HMPH. YOU'RE A DELINQUENT, LOUIS. LEGOSHI QUIT SCHOOL.

YOU'RE JUST FOOLISH!

DO ALL BOYS THINK IT'S COOL TO REBEL AGAINST SOCIETY?

DO YOU WANT TO SEE MINE? IT'S PRETTY COOL.

N- NO, I HAVEN'T.

WHAT?!

JUNO... HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PROSTHETIC LIMB BEFORE?

THAT'S A SURPRISE! WHY IS HE SHOWING ME HIS PROSTHETIC LEG...?

YEAH. IF I KEEP DOING MY PHYSICAL THERAPY. IT ISN'T AS DIFFICULT AS I EX- PECTED.

WOW... THAT'S AMAZING! YOU CAN REALLY WALK WITH IT?

...WHEN WE'RE ALONE, JUST THE TWO OF US.

...WE'VE NEVER SHOWN TO ANYONE ELSE...

COME TO THINK OF IT... WE'VE ALWAYS REVEALED PARTS OF OUR- SELVES TO EACH OTHER THAT...

THAT'S RIGHT... AND...

SO I'M NOT GOING TO FREAK OUT OVER A LOST LEG. I'M NOT A COWARD!

W-WE DEER SHED OUR HORNS EVERY YEAR...

...HE'S ALWAYS VACILLATING BETWEEN...

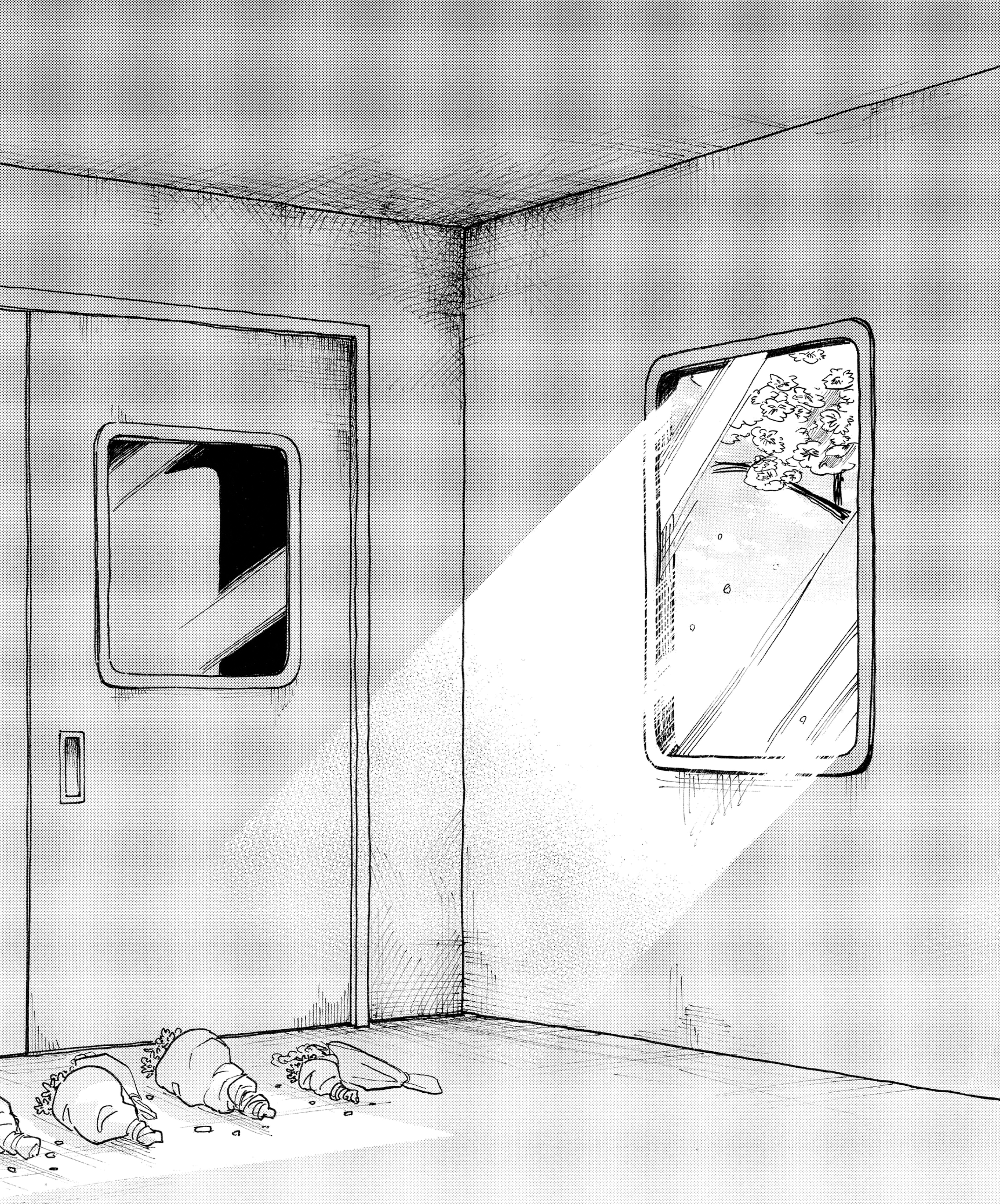
...MATURITY AND CHILD-LIKENESS..

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?!

QUIT LOOKING AT ME LIKE YOU PITY ME!

I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM...

I MEAN IT!



MMFF

SHE'S STILL KISSING ME...

AH...

WELL ---

UM...

UH...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'LL FORGET?! THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS!

BUT YOU JUST ASKED ME TO FORGET ABOUT IT!

Your first kiss ...?

SURE. I'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT IT.

S- SORRY! I...UM...

WOULD YOU JUST PRE- TEND... THIS NEVER HAP- PENED ?!

I KNOW WOLVES ARE OVERLY EMPATHETIC AND NUR-TURING.

RELAX!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? THAT'S SO...

YOU ONLY KISSED ME BECAUSE YOU FELT SORRY FOR AN HERBIVORE WHO'S MISSING A LEG.

...HURT-FUL.

YOU'RE ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF ME! ENOUGH ALREADY!

YOU'LL ONLY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR YOURSELF.

I'M NOT SAYING YOUR KISS WAS CALCULATED. IT WAS YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS THAT MADE YOU KISS ME.

I'M SAYING IT BECAUSE I NEED TO HURT YOU...

THINGS GET COMPLICATED IF YOU LOVE A BEAST OF A DIFFERENT SPECIES.

JUNO... I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE AN OUTCAST.

LEGOSHI FELL IN LOVE WITH A RABBIT. HE'S STILL PURSUING THAT RELATIONSHIP, BUT MOST BEASTS DON'T HAVE HIS NERVES OF STEEL.

ENJOY THE REST OF HIGH SCHOOL.

SEE YOU AROUND, OKAY?

...

WHAT'S HAP-PENING TO ME ...?!

TELL ME, LEGO-SHI!

I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING, RIGHT, LEGO-SHI?

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE FALLING IN LOVE WITH A BEAST OF A DIF-FERENT SPECIES?!

I NEED TO CHILL OUT! IT WAS JUST A KISS! WHY AM I SO NERVOUS?!

...RIGHT?

YES, THAT MUST BE IT... THAT MUST BE WHY I'M SO AGITATED...

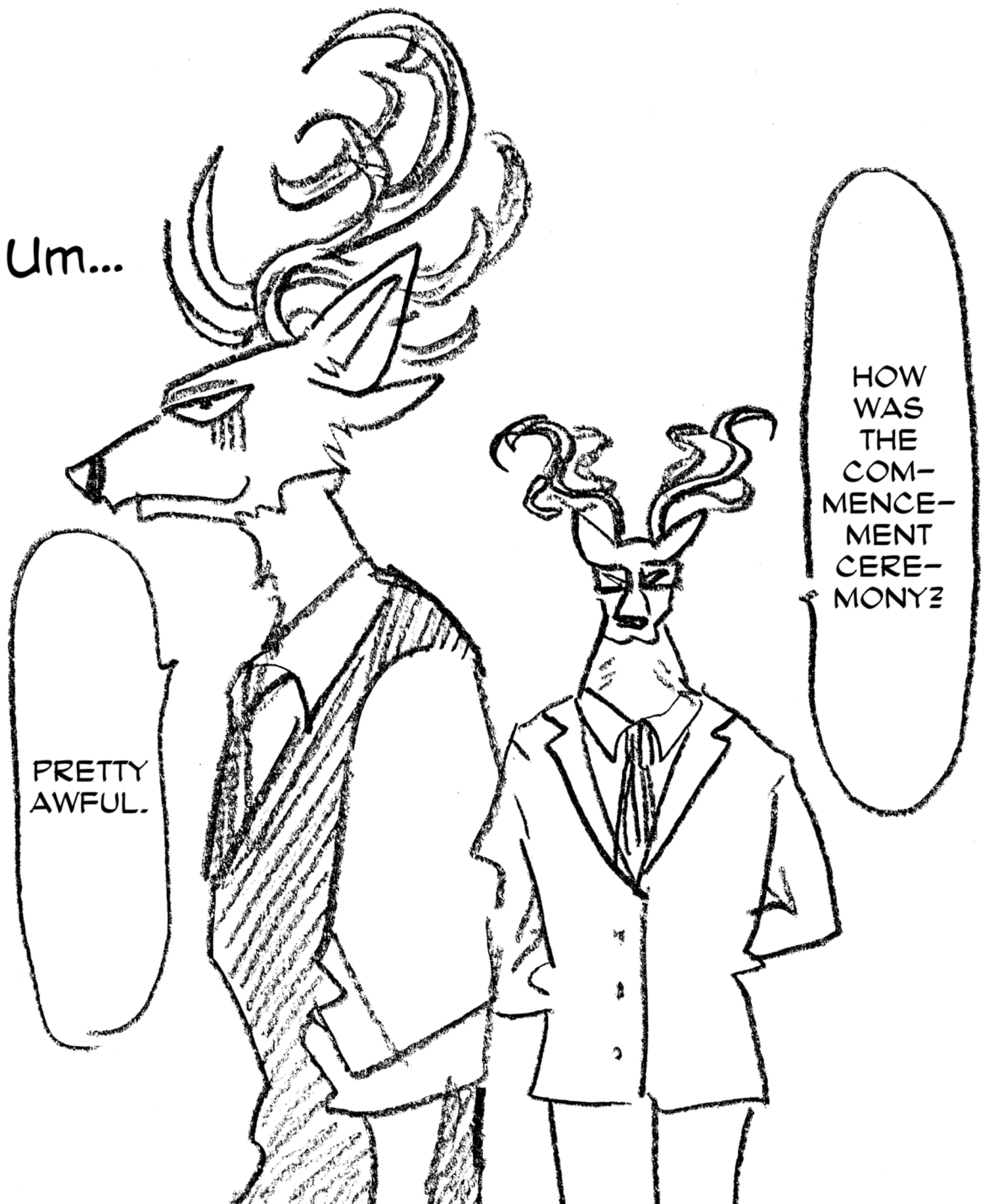
HER CANINES WERE HUGE.

I FELT SOMETHING HARD BEHIND HER LIPS!

OH... I KNOW WHY.

One month later...
MAIMAI MILK TASTES BETTER LATELY.
MAI-MAI
YEAH! I'VE NOTICED THAT TOO!

Chapter 106: Moonlight Reflected in Twinkling Scales


Um...
PRETTY AWFUL.
HOW WAS THE COM-MENCE-MENT CERE-MONY?

YEAH... PLEASE DON'T FALL ASLEEP FIRST, GRANDPA!

ARE YOU STILL HAVING TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP?

OH... YOU'VE TURNED SIX ALREADY AND STILL... HOW ABOUT IF I SHOW YOU MY TONGUE TRICK— THE SKIPPING ROPE?

YOU'RE BORED OF THAT TRICK, AREN'T YOU? WANT ME TO TELL YOU A STORY?

WHRRR

NAH.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT... BUT MY HANDS AREN'T WARM... OR SOFT.

I'LL JUST HOLD YOUR HAND WHILE I FALL ASLEEP.

I LOVE YOUR SCALES. THEY LOOK LIKE PRETTY STONES.

SHFF

I DON'T MIND.

MY GRANDSON AND I HAVE A NUMBER OF UNSPOKEN RULES...

GRAB

URK

WHEN WE GO OUT TO EAT, WE SIT AT A TABLE FAR FROM THE ENTRANCE SO AS NOT TO ATTRACT UNDUE ATTENTION.

I BRING MY OWN CUTLERY AND DRINKING STRAW.

I DON'T GO TO PUBLIC BATHS, POOLS OR RECRE-ATIONAL FACILITIES.

...KOMODO DRAGONS ARE DISCRIMI-NATED AGAINST DUE TO OUR POISONOUS VENOM.

THESE RE-STRIC-TIONS EXIST BE-CAUSE ...

LET'S SIT HERE.

WE DON'T NEED TO SIT AT A TABLE SO FAR FROM THE ENTRANCE.

IT ISN'T CROWD-ED.

WHAT ?!

...YOU SAT AT DARK TABLES WHEN YOU'D DONE NOTHING WRONG.

IT ALWAYS MADE ME UNCOM-FORT-ABLE THAT...

NO, NO... WE SHOULDN'T.

LEGOSHI... HAS HE FORGOTTEN OUR UNSPOKEN RULES OVER THESE LAST FIVE YEARS?!

IT DID...?

...

AND HE EVEN MAKES SMALL TALK ABOUT THE WEATH-ER.

IT'S GETTING WARMER EVERY DAY...

BUT HE HIDES HIS CLAWS LIKE A POLITE CARNI-VORE.

HE LOOKS SMALL ANI-MALS DIRECT-LY IN THE EYE.

WOULD YOU BRING US A MENU?

Ex-cuse me!

Sure thing.

...SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER!

MY GRAND-SON HAS GROWN UP SO MUCH...

...

...

MURK

IS *WHAT* YOUR FAULT?!

SO TELL ME... IS IT MY FAULT?!

THAT MEANS I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU.

I RAISED YOU MYSELF BECAUSE YOUR MOTHER NEGLECTED YOU.

IT'S MY FAULT YOU'VE BECOME A DELINQUENT, ISN'T IT?!

YOUR QUITTING SCHOOL. AND THOSE BIG SCARS ON YOUR FACE... THEY'VE CHANGED YOUR FUR PATTERN.

THE PREJUDICE AGAINST ME IMPACTED YOU TOO... SO I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D ACT OUT...

BUT I—

NO, NO! THAT'S NOT TRUE! I'M SORRY I QUIT SCHOOL WITHOUT TELLING YOU.

YOU ALWAYS TAUGHT ME TO BE A PACIFIST.

PACIFISM.

...NO MATTER WHAT.

YOU NEVER LET THE WAY BEASTS TREATED YOU GET YOU DOWN...

Story of the Sun

SO I NEVER THOUGHT WE WERE UNHAPPY TOGETHER— NOT ONCE.

PACIFISM ... I DID TEACH YOU THAT PHILO-SOPHY, DIDN'T I?

Shff

R-REALLY ...?

MENU

HERE'S YOUR MENU.

YOU DID? BUT YOU SEEM SO MUCH YOUNGER THAN OTHER BEASTS YOUR AGE.

I'M FEELING MY AGE LATELY.

YES... I TURNED 54 THIS YEAR.

Hello.

OH! ARE YOU WEARING... ***READING GLASSES?!***

HEY!

WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SO LONG. IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO JUST RELAX AND ENJOY—

LET'S ORDER FRIED POTATOES! YOU LOVE THEM!

ANY-WAY... THIS IS MY TREAT!

MENU

THIS IS NICE.

YEAH, I LOVE FRIES. A LOT.

I LOVED THEM WHEN I WAS A KID... BUT NOW I JUST LIKE THEM.

HAVING AN ORDINARY CONVER-SATION.

THIS RESTAU-RANT IS FULL, OLD MAN.

YOU'RE A POISONOUS BEAST! YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SITTING AT A GOOD TABLE!

YOU BETTER LEAVE BEFORE YOU TURN THE PLACE INTO A GAS CHAMBER.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

VIP

KLTTR

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

C'MON, LET'S GO, LEGOSHI... HEY, LEGOSHI!

YOU WANT TO FIGHT?

WHAT THE—?! A PUPPY LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO COCKY.

YOU THINK GIANT LIZARD POISON IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE AIR?

THAT'S NOT POS-SIBLE.

I WILL IF YOU WANT TO.

I'LL JUST HOLD YOUR HAND WHILE I FALL ASLEEP.

sPrkl

sPrkl

b-bMP

(↑The Legoshi he remembers)

L-LEGO-SHI?!

SETTLE DOWN, PLEASE!

Benny

EXCUSE ME!

THIS PLACE SUCKS.

OH YEAH

YOU'RE LUCKY THE MANA-GER IS A REP-TILE...

THANKS.

WAIT IN LINE.

HEY...

HMPH

... LEGO-SHI...

YOU ACTED LIKE A REAL PUNK BACK THERE AT THE RESTAU-RANT.

NOW I'M POSITIVE YOU'RE A DELIN-QUENT.

I'M DISAP-POINTED IN YOU!

YOU'RE STILL A PUPPY... THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

I'M 17 NOW. I CAN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH LIKE I USED TO WHEN I WAS A PUPPY.

BUT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BACK DOWN WHEN THINGS LIKE THAT HAPPEN!

I GUESS YOU HAVEN'T REALLY LEARNED HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE A PACIFIST AFTER ALL.

FWAP

FWAP

I'VE BEEN DISCRIMI-NATED AGAINST FOR 54 YEARS NOW. I'M USED TO IT. THE BEST THING TO DO IS JUST IGNORE BEASTS WHEN THEY INSULT YOU.

FWAP FWAP FWAP

FWAP

WE'VE GOT YOU CORNERED IN THIS BACK ALLEY...

HOW DARE YOU TALK TO US LIKE THAT!

YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW...

FWAPPA

FWAP

YOU TWO GIVE ME THE CREEPS!

DON'T TOUCH ...

...MY GRAND-SON.

I HAVEN'T FINISHED LECTURING YOU YET, LEGOSHI.

BE GRATEFUL I'M NOT USING MY FANGS.

AIIE-EE!

YOUR FEATH-ERS ARE FRAGILE.

TMP

...THE TRUTH BEHIND...

YOU'RE STILL A PUP... BUT YOU'RE GROWING UP. SO I GUESS IT'S TIME I TEACH YOU...

...THE CONCEPT OF...

...PACI-FISM.

...WHEN IT COMES FROM A PLACE OF STRENGTH.

PACIFISM ONLY WORKS...

BUT IT'S ONLY NOW THAT ...

WHO...

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS BEFORE ...

...ARE YOU?!

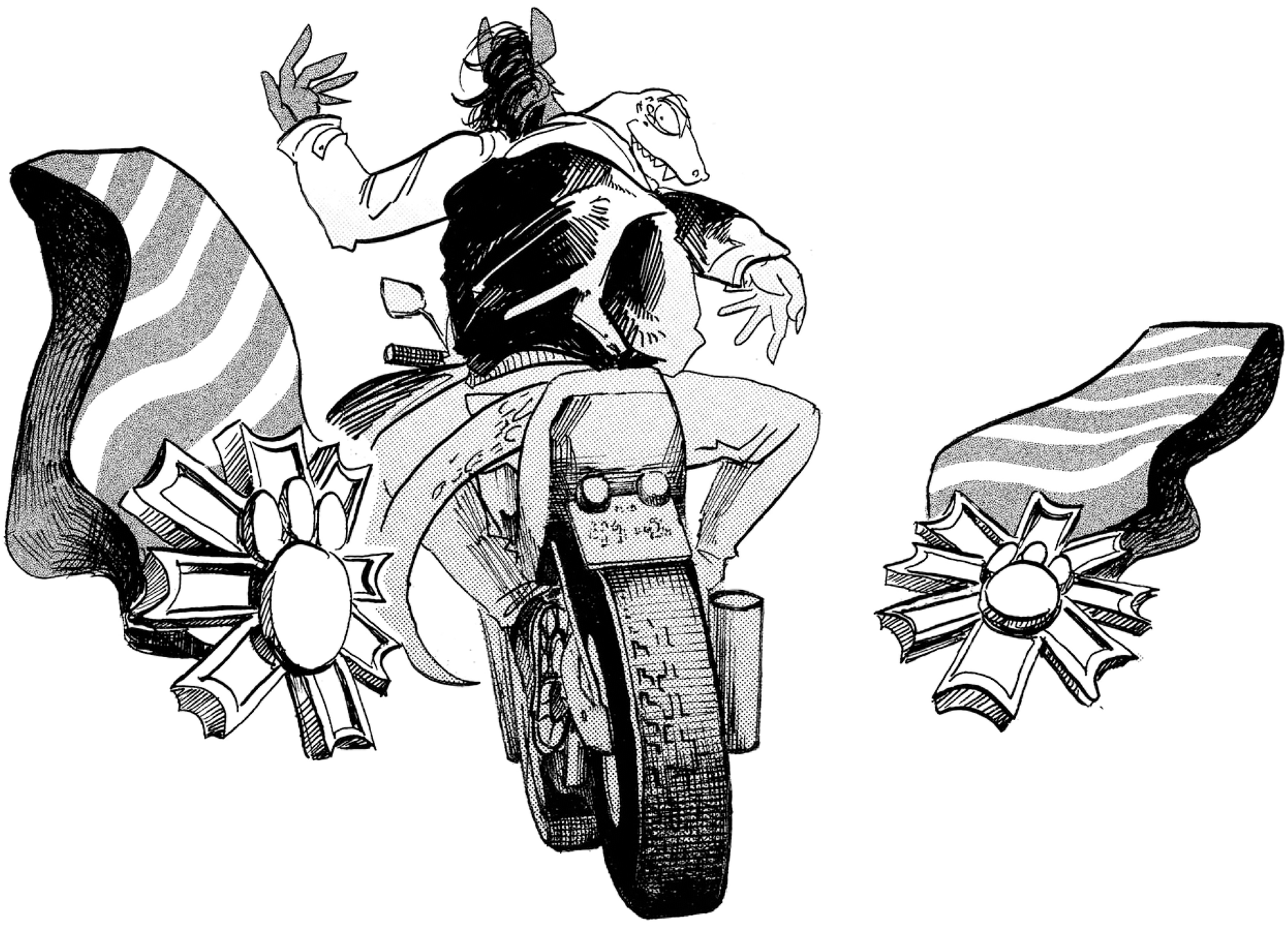
...I FEEL LIKE I'M TRULY RE-UNITED WITH MY GRAND-FATHER.

I'LL TELL YOU AFTER WE TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS.

CARE TO JOIN ME...?

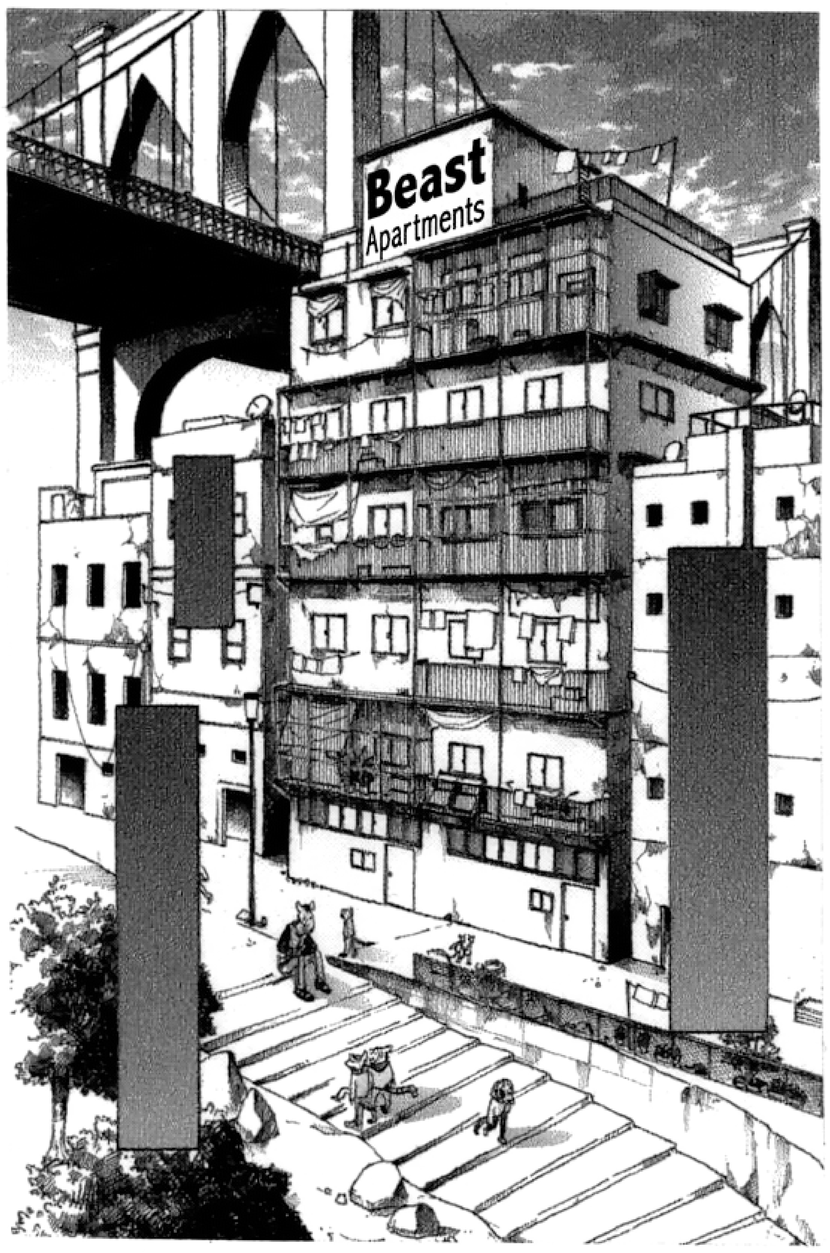
KRAK

END OF BEASTARS VOL. 12



To be continued...

Housing in the World of BEASTARS



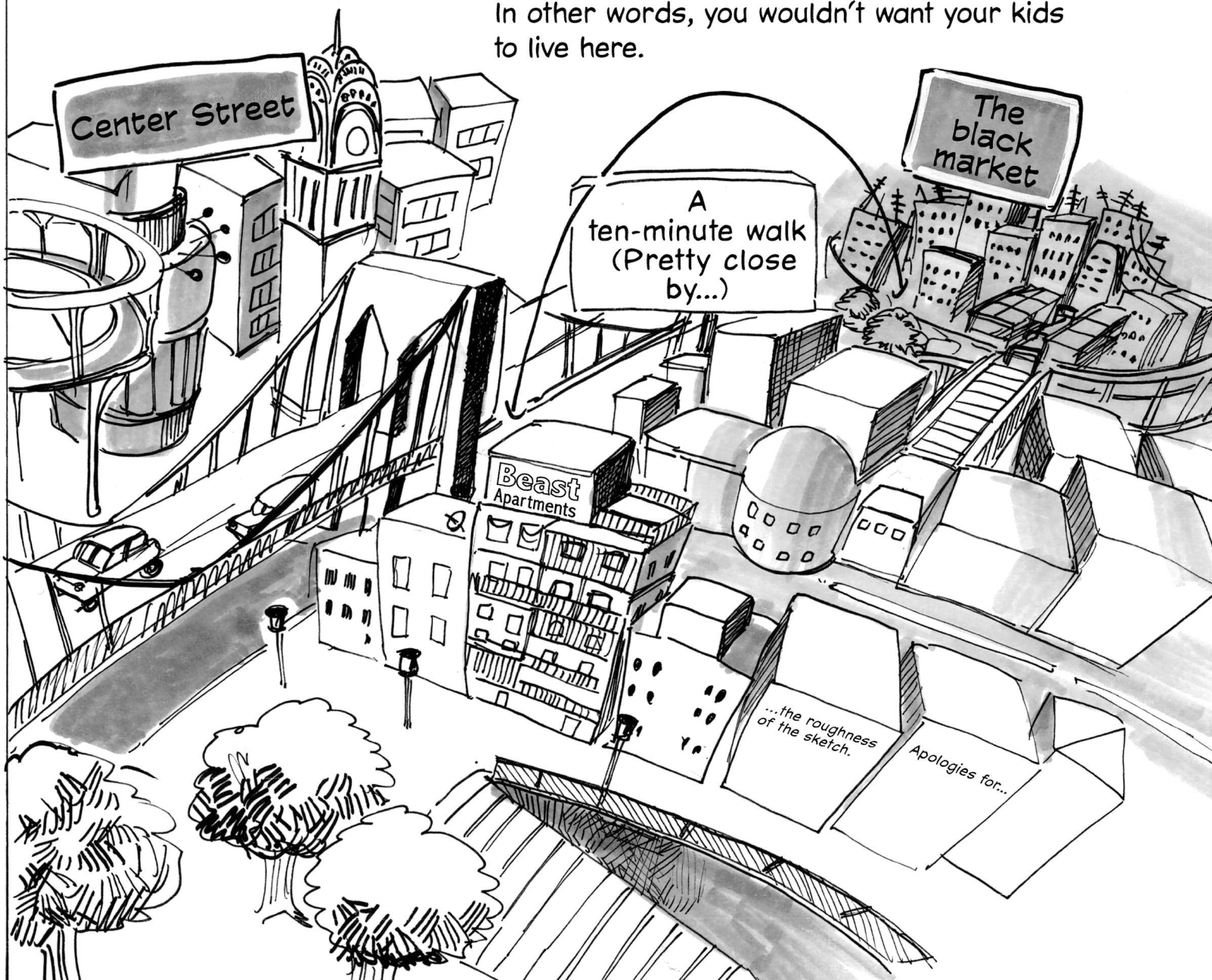
Legoshi moved into Beast Apartments after dropping out of school. It's an old apartment building, so the rent is cheap. Good properties are places that are...

- Limited in terms of the species allowed (herbivores only, carnivores only)
- Located far from the black market

These two qualities are highly prized.

Both carnivores and herbivores live in Beast Apartments. Legoshi, a beast with a criminal record, is permitted to live here, which goes to show that it is a dangerous apartment complex without strict rules and regulations.

In other words, you wouldn't want your kids to live here.



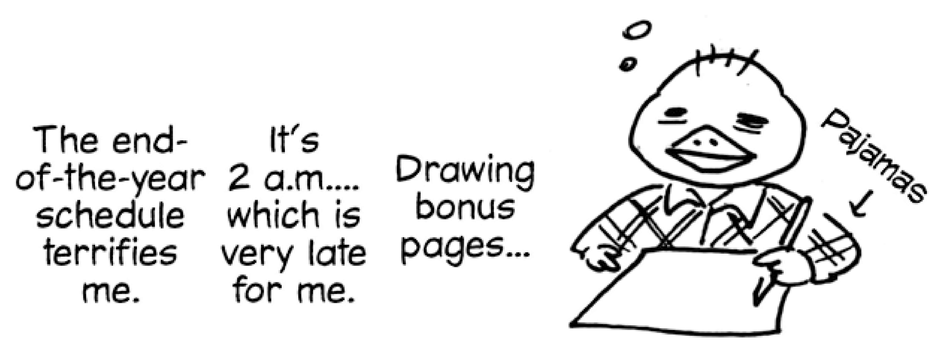
Warning: Serious Spoilers

Safari Times

Since 2016.

The relationship between the (current) Beastar Yahya and Legoshi's grandfather revealed!

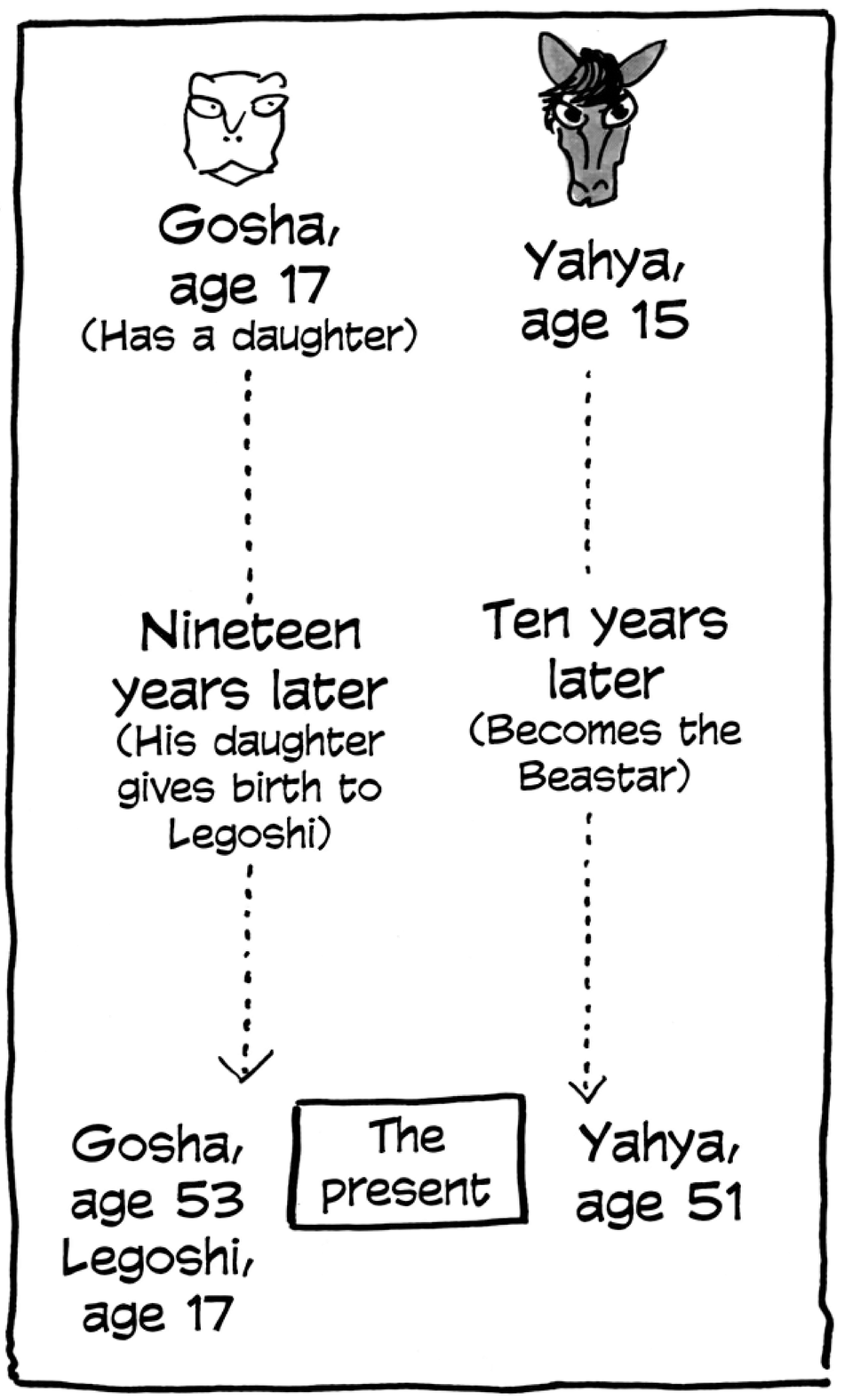
Plus another piece of new information! Yahya, the current Beastar (male horse) and Gosha, Legoshi's grandfather (male Komodo dragon), were once close friends who have gone their separate ways.
(You can read about them starting in chapter 103!)



This diagram explains when certain events occurred. ⟶

"Don't I have the skills to make this clear to my readers through the manga?!" That's what I ask myself, but I need to fill this bonus page, so I'll lay it out explicitly here.

Gosha's daughter (Legoshi's beautiful mother) has only appeared in volume 9, chapter 73, so far. Most of the members of Legoshi's family have had children at a young age. They're like a family of teenage parents.



HERE YOU GO...

Huh?! You wrote us letters ?!

I WROTE A FAREWELL LETTER TO EACH OF YOU BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH.

To Kolo
You always dragged me out of bed in the morning because I have such a hard time getting up. Thank you so much.
Someday, I hope to see your eyes.
Also your large underwear always

To Durham
Thank you for being the other half of Room 701's toughest pair of canines. I'm sorry I always sent you flying when we sumo wrestled.

To Miguno
I promise to buy your CDs when your band Dispatching Leftovers makes its major debut. Thank you for playing your guitar when I felt shy when we first met.

To Boss
I was happy when you started sitting on my shoulder more often. I felt a little rejected at first because you were so attached to Kolo, but the height adjustment

THEY'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, SO IT MUST BE A REALLY EMOTIONAL LETTER!

O-OKAY! THANKS.

THE LAST LETTER IS FOR JACK...

b-bmp b-bmp

To Jack
Help me move
tomorrow.
I'll pick you up
at 10 a.m.

LEGOSHI KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE JACK...

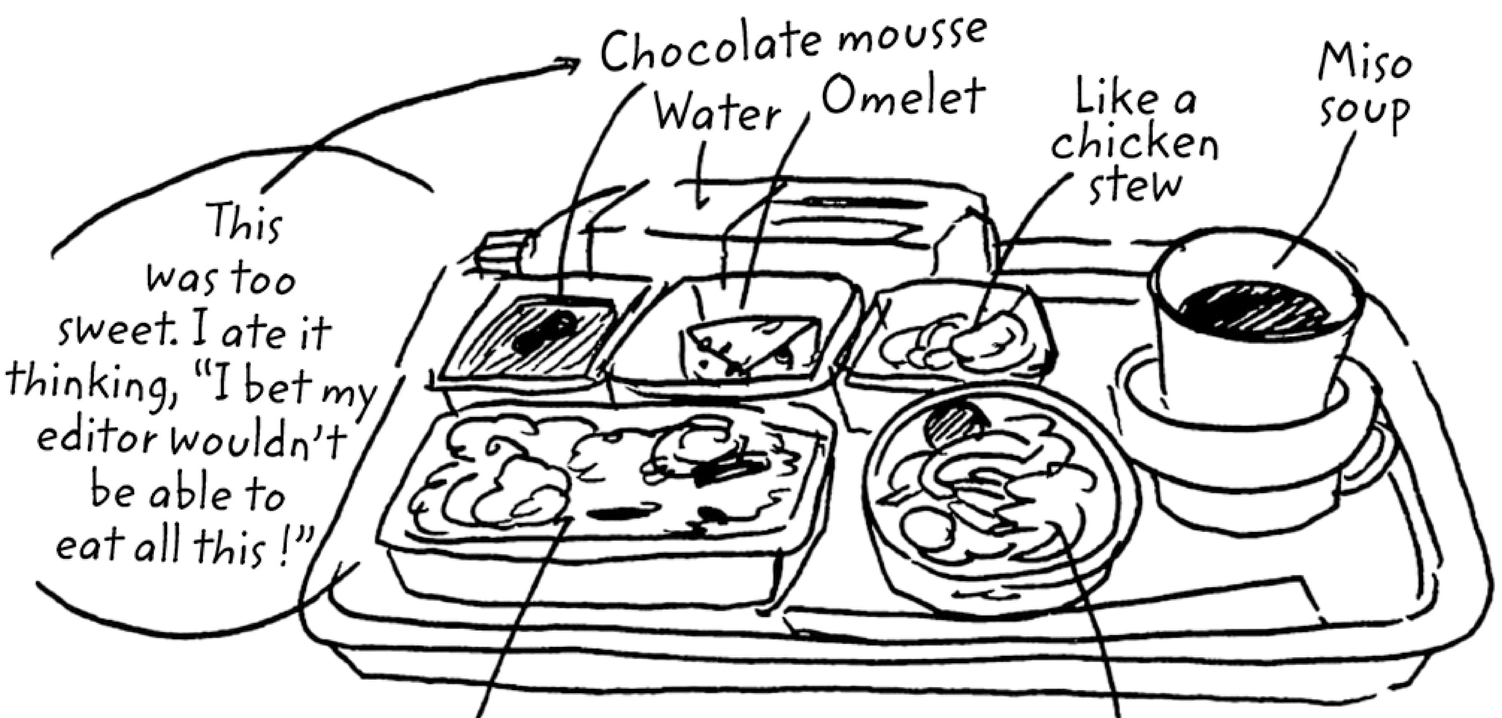
We'll give you full marks for that letter.

W-WHAT THE HELL? WHY DIDN'T YOU WRITE ME A GOODBYE LETTER?!

THANKS.

On this business trip I wanted to draw what I saw—such as the things I ate—so I could show them to everyone. (Where? On Twitter?) When I was a child, I used to keep travel diaries in small notebooks on family trips. (Afterwards, I'd show them to my mom and big sister.) I've always liked to record things, but nowadays I've gotten lazy with my pen.

10:30 In-flight lunch



I had so much time on my hands that I watched three movies.

- Sicario: Day of the Soldado
- The Lego Batman Movie
- Ocean's 8

Then they offered me a mini Häagen-Dazs ice cream. Yay, ice cream ☆!!!

It was vanilla. I was happy to accept, but the young man sitting next to me declined. I doubt there will ever be a moment in my life when I'll say no to an offer of Häagen-Dazs ice cream!

This man sat like this the whole time. I wondered what he was thinking...

The New Shishi-gumi

I THINK EVERY EMOTION IS AMPLIFIED THREEFOLD AT NIGHT. THAT'S WHY THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN AFTER DARK IN *BEASTARS*. (THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN AT AN EVENT IN SPAIN. THE SKETCHES I DREW ON THAT TRIP ARE ON THE PRECEDING PAGES.)

PARU ITAGAKI

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